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# Israel and Syria Negotiate **Broad Principles of Peace** Rabin Cites Readiness to Compromise, Assad Calls for a 'Peace of the Brave'

By Youssef M. Ibrahim

New York Times Service
JERUSALEM — Israel and Syria are negotiating the formulation of a joint public docu-ment setting broad principles for negotiating a peaceful settlement between the two countries, Israeli officials say.

The negotiations are the latest in a series of signals by the two countries that they are ready to end more than four decades of enmity in a settlement involving an Israeli withdrawal of troops from the Golan Heights in return for Syria's acceptance of a peace treety with Israel.

Syna's acceptance of a peace treety with Israel. In interviews Thursday with the army radio and Israeli radio, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin explicitly stated, for the first time since he became chief of government two months ago, his country's willingness to withdraw from unspecified parts of the Golan Heights it occupied in 1967 and annexed in 1981.

"Israel is ready to implement UN Security Council resolutions 242 and 338," Mr. Rabin told the Israeli radio, "and this means a readi-

ness to some sort of territorial compromise." For his part, President Hafez Assad of Syria told a delegation of Syrian Druze from the Golan Heights on Wednesday that Syria seeks "the peace of the brave" with Israel.

A member of the Druze delegation, Sheikh Nabil Abou Saleh, told Israel's radio Thursday that Mr. Assad "assured the delegation of his interest in bringing peace to the region and ascertained that peace will, God willing, come sooner or later."

If Israel withdraws from any parts of the Golan Heights it would be the second such move since 1973, when a limited realignment of forces was arranged by former U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger in 1974.

Foreign Minister Shimon Peres said Thursday in Paris that the peace talks scheduled to resume in Washington on Monday between Israel and Syria would be a "test" of the two

Saying that Israel is in the process of formulating a response to a Syrian proposal submit-ted in Washington a few weeks ago at an earlier phase of the peace talks, Itamar Rabinovich, Israel's chief negonator with Syria, said that Israel was now aiming at issuing a joint document with Syria.

"Since the paper contains things that are acceptable and unacceptable to us, we will try to see if it is possible to reach a situation in which the paper can be formulated in a way that is acceptable to both sides," Mr. Rabinovich, ooe of Israel's leading experts on Syrian affairs, said earlier this week.

The prospect of Israel's withdrawal from the Golan Heights has become the most controversial issue to hit this country since the June elections that ended 15 years of the conservative Likud-led government rule, which categorically refused to relinquish any parts of the

settlers in the Golan Heights have already announced plans for protests against Mr. Rabin's

Yehuda Wolman, chairman of the Golan

sion verging on madness."

"These are very grave statements," Mr. Wolman said. "I don't understand what the premises are for this trading in the Golan day by day. We are getting organized."

Speaking for the second day in a row of Israel's willingness to withdraw its troops from some of the Golan Heights occupied in 1967 and annexed in December 1981, Mr. Rabin told the Israeli radio that in return for Syria's willingness to sign a peace treaty that fully normalizes ties. Israel was willing apply the concept of

It was the first time an Israeli prime minister had so starkly made such an assertion in 15 years. Asked if the 13,000 Jewish settlers of the Golan Heights should feel deceived in case they are asked to leave their homes, Mr. Rabin

"I don't think they have been deceived. We

months allowing members of the Syrian Jewish community of about 4,000 to leave the country

with Syria, Israeli radio said that the Israeli delegation in Washington will present Syria with a position paper that will say for the first time that Israel is willing to change the situation on the Golan Heights and will try to put togeththe framework for a peace agreement. The

# Lira Fades as Italy Debates **Economic Rule by Decree**

By Tom Redburn onal Herald Tribune

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The lira came under intense downward pressure on Thursday as traders in the turbulent European currency markets turned from Nordic problems to doubts that Rome's extraordinary request for emergency economic powers would succeed in staving off devaluation.

Despite active support from both the Bank of Italy and the Bundesbank, the lira fell again to

The German economics minister calls for an urgent cut in interest rates. Page 11.

the bottom of its official range against the Deutsche mark. Prime Minister Giuliano Amato of Italy appeared to face an uphill battle to persuade Parliament to grant his government the right to adopt austerity measures by decree for the next three years.

Meanwhile, pressure eased slightly on the pound as the U.S. dollar gained ground against the mark, while Stockholm's decision to impose a brutally high overnight interest rate of 75 percent put an end, at least for now, to the speculative run no the Swedish krona. Moneymarket rates in Sweden remained at 23 percent on Thursday, about 6 percentage points higher than before the central bank jacked up its

In London, the British cabinet once again backed up the Conservative government's pledge to maintain the value of the pound against the mark. After an hourlong meeting, the chancellor of the Exchequer, Norman Lamont, walked out with renewed support of his policy of not weakening the British currency within the exchange-rate mechanism of the European currency grid. Would Britain devalue with the other curren-

cies in any possible realignment of the exchange-rate mechanism? a senior government official asked rhetorically. "The answer is no," he said. "We would stick at 2.95 marks." the central value for the pound.

The pound recovered some ground on Thursday, to around 2,7900 DM from its low on Wednesday of 2,7812 DM. Its official floor in the European currency grid is 2.7780 DM.

In Rome, Mr. Amato went to the Senate on Thursday to explain his proposal to allow the government to cut state spending and raise taxes at any time the head of the central bank declared that a crisis in currency or money markets was a threat to the economy. While limited to the economic sector, the proposal probably marks the first time that a West European government has sought such sweeping powers since de Gaulle was allowed by French lawmakers to rule briefly by decree during the Algerian war emergency of the late 1950s.

"The proposal is an attempt to arrest the slow and dangerous erosion of democracy," Mr. Amsto said.

But Italian legislators, despite their notorious inability to tame reckless public spending, ap-peared reluctant to accept the government's argument that they should agree to curtail democracy in order to save it.

"To take away Parliament's powers for three See LIRA, Page 12

strategic area.

Israel's former housing minister, Ariel Sharon, a leading proponent of holding on to the Syrian territory, said Thursday that Mr. Rabin's Labor-led government was already taking measures to prepare for a withdrawal of troops from the Golan plateau. He said that teams of army photographers were taking pictures of the border in anticipation of such a move. This could oot not be independently verified.

Spokesmen for the some of the 13,000 Jewish settlers in the Golan Heights have already an-

Council, a group representing settlers, called Mr. Rabin's pledge of withdrawal an "obses-sion verging on madness."

izes ties, Israel was willing apply the concept of territorial compromise inherent in United Na-tions resolutions 242 and 338.

never said that this issue of territorial compro-mise, which must be of limited dimensions, is not applicable to the Golan Heights."

He stressed repeatedly, however, in the two radio interviews, that Israel is only contemplat-ing a "limited" withdrawal from parts of the Heights and only in return for a "full" normalization of political, commercial, and diplomatic ties with Syria, which he described as a "full contractual peace that stands on its two feet." Syria has begun quietly over the last few

after years of monitoring their movements and limiting the rights of departure.

In a commentary on the evolving situation

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# Vladimir Zhirinovsky, a Russian nationalist, protesting Thursday at the Japanese Embassy in Moscow against ceding the islands.

# Japan Agonizes Over Yeltsin's Rebuff

By David E. Sanger

TOKYO - Boris N. Yeltsin's sudden rebuff to Japan over a bitter territorial dispute unleashed an unusual round of recriminations in Tokyo Thursday, prompting accusations that the Japanese government had at-tempted to buildoze the embattled Russian leader, and lost its best chance in decades to end a Cold War dispute that has lingered over Asia for decades,

Only a day ago Japanese diplomats were dropping confidencial hints that that the power of the yen might finally win out in the country's No. 1 foreign policy quest: The return of the four islands at the end of the Knril chain that the former Soviet Union seized at the end of World War II.

But within hours of Mr. Yelsin's announcement that he would cancel his long-anticipated trip here, after repeated warnings to Japan not to pressure him for territorial concessions, Japanese politicians and bureaucrats focused on a single quescoo: Who lost the

Much of the blame for what the Japanese press dubbed the "Yeltsin Shocku" was focused, oot surprisingly, on rightist groups in Moscow who had seized on the issue as a matter of national honor. But in a rare split on a major national foreign policy initiaove, there were also widespread charges Thursday that Tokyo had unwisely allowed latent nationalistic instincts to prevail in its dealings with a longtime rival. It pushed the embattled Russian president too far, wildly misjudged the depth of public sentiment in Moscow, and ultimately set its own cause back by

years.
This is the clearest case of the Japanese

government still being trapped in its Cold War thinking, when Japan was always pro-tected by the United States," Haruki Wada, a professor of Russian history at the University of Tokyo and a vocal critic of Japan's policy, said Thursday, hours after returning from

"Everyone was so intent on exploiting the moment that no one stopped to listen to the Russians," he said, or seriously consider arguments that large-scale aid to Russia should oow take priority over the re-acquisition of a group of ice-encrusted volcanic islands.

Variations of Mr. Wada's analysis popped up around the country. The governor of Hokkaido, the Japanese territory closest to the disputed region, told reporters that Japan had "aimed to gain 100 points, and eventual-

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# Moscow Question: Why So Much Ado?

tion was why Russia and Japan - two coun-

By Serge Schmemann
New York Times Service
MOSCOW — After voluntarily pulling out of Afghanistan and Eastern Europe and watching their huge empire crumble, the Russians suddenly drew the line at four obscure islands off Japan — alienating, in the process, a major potential benefactor.

That, at least, was the impression left Thursday after President Boris N. Yeltsin abruptly postponed a trip to Japan on Wednesday. A wave of public discontent had made it virtually impossible for him to grant the Japanese even a tentative pledge of even-tual sovereignty over the four islands, in the Kuril chain, which were claimed by the Soviet Union after World War II. Japan refers to the

slands as the Northern Territories. Most commentators agreed that in the ab-

But the broader and more troubling ques-

sence of any potential gam from the visit, and with naconalist passions ablaze both in Russia and Japan over the islands, Mr. Yeltsin was probably right to cut his losses by canceltries with every apparent incentive to mend relations - could allow a relatively minor territorial dispute to grow to such damaging proportions. In both countries, the triumph of national-

ist sentiments over rational foreign policy suggested immaturity and insccurity.

In Moscow, the question was what this demonstration of the public mood angured

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for Mr. Yeltsin as be faced political contests far more consequential and contentious than

four distant and sparsely settled islands. By any objective standard, the Kurils carry nowhere near the strategic or economie significance of Afghanistan or East Germany. not to mention Ukraine or Belarus. Yet none of the other territories had roused the sort of public passion that the islands did in the weeks preceding Mr. Yeltsin's scheduled vis-

So fervent was the campaign mounted by

the "national-patriotic" right that it carried on even after Mr. Yeltsin canceled the trip.

A protest march against yielding the is-A protest march against yielding the is-lands wound through Moscow oo Thursday, and Pravda carried a large photograph of Russian soldiers on the islands under the headline, "We'll hold the Kurils — we will defend Russia."

For many months now a public backlash has been building against all the bewildering and rapid changes in the land, both economic

It was evident in greater resistance to economic reform, in the claims to Crimea, in a new resentment of the West, and in the consolidacion of conservative opposition groups, ranging from die-hard Communists and na-tionalists to managers of state-owned industries and military men.

In the end, it was the very obscurity and simplicity of the Kuril issue that gave it such force and made it so useful for the forces of

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# **Bush Recasts** His Program For Growth Of Economy

#### Scorning Clinton Plan, He Urges Trade Accords And U.S. Spending Cuts

By Paul F. Horvitz

International Herald Tribune
WASHINGTON — President George Bush
sought Thursday to rehabilitate his stature as a
leader in economic affairs, repackaging his
agenda for growth, proposing new but marginal
cuts in U.S. government spending and urging

new trade agreements abroad.

Mr. Bush, in a speech before the Economic Club of Detroit, drew sharp distinctions between his free-market vision of the American economy and that of his Democratic rival Governor Bill Clinton. The president came forward with no new major proposals. Rather he attempted to explain why his small-government views held more promise than Mr. Clinton's

plan for economic stimulus.

The president said he believed that his supply-side approach would nearly double the size of the U.S. economy, to \$10 trillion, by early in the next century,

Taking questions from his audience, he ridi-culed Mr. Clinton for failing to take a definitive position on the proposed North American Free Trade Agreement and he called on his Democratic rival to repudiate what Mr. Bush called "scary" views on environmental policy held by Senator Al Gore, the Democratic vice presiden-

Mr. Clinton later called the president's package "just more of the same," saving Mr. Bush

U.S. businesses are scaling back on investment in plant and equipment. Page 11.

wanted "more tax cuts for upper-income people and more deficits and less growth." He added: "We've tried this for 12 years,"

"It hasn't worked and it won't work. I hope the American people will reject this and go for real change in a oew direction." The president called for cutting the salaries

of federal employees earning more than \$75,000, and he said he would cut the White House operating hudget by one-third if Congress cut its own operating budget by the same proportion.

Mr. Bush also said he wanted to negotiate

free-trade agreements in Latin America, Asia and the East European countries of Poland, Hungary and Czechoslovakia.

"I want a government that spends less, regulates less and taxes less." Mr. Bush said. "A ican never retreats, we always compete."

To illustrate what he said was "the direction I want to go in," the president recalled that he had previously cited \$130 billion in possible spending cuts and said that this would be enough to finance a 1 percent across-the-board cut income taxes. Aides said Mr. Bush was not formally proposing the 1 percent cut.

At the same time, bowever, Mr. Bush found his credibility on taxes under fire. On Wednesday, in a campaign speech in New Jersey, the president vowed that he would never "ever, ever" go along again with a tax increase passed by Congress. The statement was reminiscent of "read my lips: no new taxes" pledge of 1988. But early Thursday, his chief spokesman, Mar-lin Fitzwater, was backpedaling, saying: "It wasn't a pledge, oo."

That yielded a sarcastie rebuke from the Clinton campaign. Senator Gore said: "We are now greatly in debt to Mr. Fitzwater for interpreting the president's comments. Many Americans might have otherwise been fooled this

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# Even a French 'Yes' Won't Dispel New Gloom in EC

By William Drozdiak

Washington Post Service BRUSSELS — Barely a week before French voters gn to the polls to decide the fate of the Treaty on European Union, a sense of gloom has descended over European Community headquarters, whose officials and diplomats fear that the march toward a more united continent may soon succumb to political paralysis even if the French say yes.

The optimism that fueled European ambi-

tions to become the world's next superpower has evaporated. Even though preparations are nearly complete for the creation of a single market at the end of this year, Community officials see little but trouble on the horizon. Nearly all of the EC's 12 governments are facing escalating political trouble as a result of a flood of immigrants from Eastern Europe and North Africa, a deepening recession, and spreading civil war in the Balkans. All of those problems seem likely to grow worse in the months to come, eroding the ability of the Community, with its weak leadership, to under-

In Germany, Chancellor Helmut Kohl has suffered the sharpest criocism of his 10 years in office because of the government's clumsy handling of racist violence and the ballooning costs of incorporating the East. In France, President François Mitterrand remains unpopular because of high unemployment and public disgust with corruption scandals, while Prime Minister John Major is being attacked for failing to reverse Britain's economic decline. Meanwhile, the fragile ruling coalitions in

Italy, Belgium and the Netherlands are reluc-tant to make any moves that could alienate supplies. their tenuous support and possibly provoke

"The Community has always achieved the greatest progress toward unity in times of political stability and economic prosperity," explained a European ambassador with long experience in EC matters. "Now that things are shaky, with recession getting worse and politi-cians getting nervous, I am afraid that the best we can hope for is to keep Europe from break-

ing apart."
In 1973, just after European leaders agreed on a hineprint for economic and monetary union by the end of the decade, the Community was sundered by an Arab oil embargo and recession that sent member states scrambling to

The Community remained mired in a state of "Eurosclerosis" until the EC Commission president, Jacques Delors, managed to win political consent in 1986 to tear down remaining trade barriers to create a single market for 340 million citizens. From that vision, sustained by the affluent years of the late 1980s, came the drive to invest Europe with a single currency and common foreign and security policies as called for in the Maastricht treaty.

The sudden ascendancy in France of those who question the merits of political and economic unity has come as a shock to the architects of the Maastricht accord. The latest opin-

#### Kiosk

# U.S. Intercepts Jet Fighter in Iraq

WASHINGTON (Reuters) — Two U.S. Air Force F-16 fighter jets on Thursday intercepted what was believed to be an Iraqi fighter violating the exclusion zone over northern Iraq but no shots were fired in the brief

encounter, the Defense Department said. choounter, the Defense Department said.

The Pentagon spokesman, Pete Williams, said the French-built F-1

Mirage jet, believed to be an Iraqi sircraft, flew approximately three mirage jet, believed to be an train anterest, new approximately three miles north of the 36th parallel but left the zone as it was intercepted. "It simply quickly turned south and retreated below the 36th parallel," Mr. sumply quickly turned south and reaction of the 'no-fly' zone. We don't know whether it was advertent or inadvertent."

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DUET - Luciano Payarotti and Elizabeth Holleque, during a dress rehearsal in London of Puccini's "Tosca," which will inaugurate the Covent Garden opera season on Saturday.

# A Mock State's Real Woes

#### Where Does Ciskei Fit in the Post-Apartheid Order?

By Bill Keller

New York Times Service BISHO, South Africa - The make-believe country of Ciskei has a shiny "international" air-port capable of landing a Boeing 747, in case one ever attempts to visit this curious figment of apart-

It has 846,000 inhabitants who were not consulted in 1981 when they were stripped of South African citizenship and gerrymandered into one of 10 tribal homelands to protect white control of the wealthy remainder of the country.

Ciskei has a foreign service with a single ambassadorial posting, to the only country that recognizes its sovereignty, South Africa.

It has its capital in Bisho, a miniature pastel metropolis with a three-block downtown, a hotelcasino complex where South Africans can enjoy the blackjack tables forbidden a mile away in their own country, and high-walled compounds where government ministers and business executives

dwell in luxurious isolation from Ciskei's wretched

It has its own development bank, its own army and its own diminutive military dictator, Brigadier

Oupa J. Gqozo, who boils with tage when he is ridiculed as a puppet of South Africa.

"I need some help to make the world realize that I am a very serious leader," he pleaded during an

interview last Friday. Three days later his army fired a seemingly interminable machine-gun fusillade at protesters marching on his capital, killing at least 24 and convincing many that if he is not a serious leader. be is at least part of a serious problem.

trenched their rulers in positions of power and small-time huxury and employed them as surrogates to divide the black political opposition. South Africa now seeks to undo the experiment by

Having manufactured these mock states, en-

But as the brigadier served bloody conce on

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#### It Seeks Action To End Violence

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches JOHANNESBURG - The African National Congress said Thursday that it would meet with the government if such a meeting would lead to practical steps to end

the violence racking the country.

Cyril Ramaphosa, the ANC's secretary-general, said that a meeting between delegations led by President Frederik W. de Klerk and hy Nelson Mandela, president of the ANC — as suggested Wednesday by Mr. de Klerk — could be helpful on ending the vio-

"The ANC is prepared to partici-pate in a summit," Mr. Ramaphosa

In calling for talks with Mr. Mandela to restore calm, Mr. de Klerk had said that reform efforts could not continue until the bloodshed was haited.

shed was halted.

Mr. Ramaphosa said the nation had been plunged into a crisis by the "premeditated murder" of at least 24 ANC demonstrators hy troops in the black homeland of Ciskei on Monday. Those killed were part of a group of about 60,000 ANC supporters marching on Ciskei's capital, Bisho, seeking the resignation of its military ruler. the resignation of its military ruler. Speaking after an ANC leader-ship meeting, Mr. Ramaphosa said the primary responsibility for the slaughter rested with the govern-

But he said Pretoria's recogni tion that violence was an obstacle to negotiations "must mark the begimning of practical actions" to ad-dress ANC conditions for return-ing to democracy talks. The ANC walked out in June to protest the

the massacre of 43 people in the township of Boipatong.

Mr. Ramaphosa emphasized that a meeting must produce results in relation to ANC demands for a reduction in violence, release of political prisoners and a speedy tran-

sition to democracy.

"The failure of such a high-level meeting would take the country irretrievably backwards," he said. The government took its dispute

with the ANC over the Ciskei killings to the United Nations on Thursday, urging pressure on the ANC to halt "provocative actions." Foreign Minister R.F. Botha in-

formed the UN secretary-general, Butros Butros Ghali, and the Secu-nty Council that "it is simply not feasible to participate meaningfully in the constitutional negotiating process while the ANC/Communist Party alliance or any other grouping is fomenting a climate of instability, revolution and vio-

Mr. Botha urged the UN to de-mand that "the alliance abandon any further provocative actions which put at risk the lives of innocent South Africans."

Winnie Mandela Resigns Paul Taylor of The Washington

Post reported from Johannesburg: Winnie Mandela resigned Thurs-day from the national executive committees of the ANC and the group's Women's League, following weekend revelations in several newspapers of a love letter she allegedly wrote in March to her lawyer revealing fears of an investiga-tion into her misuse of ANC social welfare department funds.

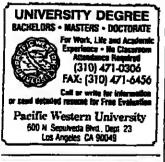
Mrs. Mandela, who separated

from her husband in April, said her resignation had nothing to do with the allegations of financial irregularities. When those charges first surfaced earlier this year, she stepped down as head of the welfare department and was subsequently cleared of any wrongdoing. Rather, she said, she resigned primarily in the interest of my dear husband and my beloved fam ily," who had been "deeply hurt" by the personal attacks against her. The letter, purportedly in her handwriting, was to Dali Mpofu,

30, a lawyer who defended her against kidnapping and assault charges last year, and subsequently became her assistant at the ANC welfare department.

#### Spain Halts Events Abroad

MADRID -- Spain has ordered its embassies abroad to halt cultur-al and scientific events planned for the rest of this year because of spending cuts, the Foreign Minis-







Mr. Vance, right, talking Thursday in Sarajevo to General Phillipe Morillon of the UN forces.

capital.

Most of Sarajevo's 350,000 resi-

dents have been without running

water for more than a month. The

Health Ministry has reported cases

of gastroenteritis, hepatitis and ty-

Mr. Karadzic promised to enter

into negotiations to put Sarajevo's entire water and electricity system,

which have been repeatedly sabo-

taged by his forces, under United

Nations control, Mr. Vance said.

made a number of promises in re-

from. For example, he has prom-

ised on at least three occasion to

put all Serbian artillery around Sa-

Karadzic, leader of the Bosnian however, says there are still major Mr. Karadzic and the Bosnian Serbs, "to do everything he can" to problems with the control of that president, Alija Izetbegovic, on

The UN peacekeeping force,

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The Serbian leader, however, has

cent months that he has either vio-lated, ignored or backed away sides to come to Geneva and there-

Fear and Yearning on Slovak Exit Trail

But the man leading Slovakia's foray never

seems assailed by doubt, at least in public.

the Slovak prime minister shouted over and over on the campaign trail for parliamentary elections this spring. The line got cheers ev-

Mr. Meciar, 50, a burly former Commu-

nist, a lawyer and onetime amateur boxer,

was the first politician canny and charismatic

enough to sense and exploit the frustrations

released in Slovakia after the fall of commu-

He served briefly as prime minister but was

overthrown in a power struggle in 1991 amid allegations that he had worked for years as a

secret police informer. The allegations, heat-

edly denied and under investigation by Slo-

vak prosecutors, did not slow Mr. Meciar's

rise, and may even have added to his luster

among Slovaks who saw him as a victim of

On the campaign trail, he seemed to delight his audiences with bombastic and at times

crude and threatening language. Mr. Havel, then president, warned Slovak voters of in-

cipient demagogues, but many Slovaks found Mr. Meciar's authoritarian style reassuring.

tions, Mr. Meciar, leading the Movement for

Democratic Slovakia, perfected his themes:

Slovakia must slow economic reforms, pro-

tect its industries and win its own scat at the

Slovak amhitions for a Slovak flag and nameplate at the United Nations may seem

quaint. But such yearnings make sense in Ziar

Nad Hronom, where poverty, political under-

representation and thwarted national pride

date back hundreds of years, to the Austro-

Hungarian empire, when Slovakia was ruled hy Hungarian lords, and trade and intellectu-al life were dominated by large German,

By the time Czechoslovakia was created in

1918 out of the remnants of the Austro-

Hungarian empire, Slovak language and cul-ture had been so ruthlessly repressed by the Hungarians that the educated class of Slo-vaks had dwindled to a few hundred people.

Tens of thousands of Czechs poured into rural Slovakia to build administration, edu-

Jewish and Hungarian communities.

During the campaign for the June elec-

"Prague will no longer tell us what to do!"

week gave the Serbs a deadline of

Saturday to put their weapons in Sarajevo and three other Bosnian

Because Sarajevo's airport was considered unsafe Thursday morn-ing, Mr. Vance and Lord Owen

went by armored car to the capital

after flying to the Croatian city of

sides to come to Geneva and there-

by maintain momentum for what

they said is going to be a long negotiation process. The Croatian

leader in Bosnia promised Wednes-

day that he would attend the talks.

Their mission was to persuade

cities under UN supervision.

By Blaine Harden

Washington Post Service SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovi-

na — Leaders of the three warring sides in Bosnia-Herzegovina have agreed to meet next week in Gene-

va for open-ended talks, Cyrus R. Vance, a co-chairman of the peace

[The French Defense Ministry

and the co-chairman of the talks,

Lord Owen, had gained agreement

for a provisional cease-fire in the

Bosnian capital, Reuters reported.]

munity's mediator, had said earlier in Sarajevo that he saw little hope

of an early end to the five-month

Mr. Vance, a former U.S. secre-

tary of state, said that he had re-

ceived a promise from Radovan

Karadzic, leader of the Bosnian

By Mary Battiata

Washington Post Service
ZIAR NAD HRONOM, Czechoslovakia

- In this decisive autumn, as Czechoslovakia

hurtles toward Jan, I, and the dissolution that

opinion polls show a majority of citizens do

not really want, Slovakia's leaders are playing

out the final act of a rivalry whose roots are

The impending split is most often likened to a divorce. But it more closely resembles the

fierce and long-contemplated escape a child makes from the shadow of a successful, only

dimly comprehending older sibling.
"What's at play is a certain unfulfilled longing to stand up to people, and to the big

world," said Milos Ziak, senior Slovak advis-

Outside the Slovak parliament, the rush

toward independence causes as much appro-

hension as clation. In factory towns and farm

communities across this republic of 5 million,

the debate on separation has a schizophrenic

That ambivalence, as well as the serious

economic and historical grievances driving the split, is clearly visible in little Ziar Nad

Hronom, the environmentally devastated hometown of the Slovak prime minister, Vla-

"It comes down to this," said Jaroslav

Meciar, the prime minister's brother. "Who is

the best person to handle your affairs - you

But opinion polls continue to show that 60

percent of Slovaks would prefer to keep some kind of federation with the Czech republic.

They fear the economic disruptions that will

come with a hreak with the more prosperous

Czechs, and they are also worried about ten-sions with Slovakia's 600,000-strong ethnic

On the other hand, support here for tough economic change ordained in the federal cap-ital, Prague, is less than half that in the Czech

Perhaps the most revealing survey was one

carried out last month by a Bratislava sociol-ogist, Vladimir Krivy. He found Slovaks'

opinions on separation to be highly suggestible, directly influenced by the view ex-

pressed by the last person with whom they had talked.

dimir Meciar.

or your neighbor?"

Hungarian minority.

er to former President Vaclay Havel.

psychological as well as economic.

[Lord Owen, the European Com-

ounced in Paris that Mr. Vance

talks, said Thursday.

# Croats Intercept Iranian Weapons Headed for Bosnia

By Michael R. Gordon New York Times Service

WASHINGTON — In the first documented evidence of military support by an Islamic country to the Muslim-dominated government of Bosnia-Herzegovina, Croatian officials have intercepted a planeload of Iranian arms and personnel, Western officials said.

The officials said that according to reports from the region, an Irani-Boeing 747 flew to Zagreb, the Croatian capital, last Friday, osten-sibly to deliver relief supplies for Bosnia-Herzegovina.

But when the plane was inspected, Croatian officials discovered 4,000 guns, more than a million rounds of ammunition and 20 to 40 Iranians huddled in the back.

The Croatian authorities were said to have seized the war materiel and sent the Iranians home. The Croats have not publicly acknowledged the episode, but plan to offi-cially notify the United Nations soon, U.S. officials said.

of the Yugoslav armed forces.

According to classified U.S. intelligence reports, the Serhian forces in Bosnia have 300 tanks and the Bosnian Muslims just two. The Serbian forces have 200 amored Bosnia Rivals Agree to Talk, Vance Says

> Sarajevo on Thursday, but at a Owen that they would be in Genemuch reduced frequency than in va on Sept. 18 to talk. We are facing the fact that some Lord Owen and Mr. Vance last of this fighting will go on a lot ceek gave the Serbs a deadline of longer than any of us would like." said Lord Owen, making it clear that he and Mr. Vance did not expect their afternoon's visit to re-

solve basic issues in the war. But both men said that they expected the UN Security Council to vote quickly to significantly increase the 1,500-man peacekeeping

The UN's secretary-general, Bu-tros Butros Ghali, on Thursday recommended up to a fourfold increase in the number of forces escorting relief convoys in Bosnia-Herzegovina.

Mr. Butros Ghali said that the current UN force in Sarajevo could reach as many as 7,500 troops and

cation and economy, creating a Czech gov-

There was little improvement after World

War II, from the Slovak point of view. On

paper, Czechs and Slovaks were equal, but in

practice, the Czechs, and Prague, remained

"We are a beaten and stomped-upon na-

tion, and today it's only worse," Mr. Meciar's 75-year-old mother, Anna Meciar, a retired

factory janitor, said last week, welcoming

strangers into her modest home not far from the factory gates. "The Czechs were always the masters. We have been oppressed, and now we want to breathe free."

In 1991, economic reformers in Prague decided to pull the plug on Slovakia's unprof-

itable, inefficient heavy industry in the name

of economic change. All over Slovakia, fac-

It was particularly bad news in Ziar Nad Hronem, home of Slovakia's largest, filthiest

aluminum processing plant, a belching 1950s-vintage monster that has given the town the highest cancer rates in Czechoslovakia.

Prague's experts studied the wheezing plant and concluded that it would be cheaper to build 10 new factories than to try and save

the old one. But they were not providing any

The plant has left the town with filthy air

and a toxic mountain of red waste. But in

Ziar, as in numerous other factory towns

across Slovakia, people cannot afford to be picky. The plant is all they have. Many even

feel a battered loyalty to it. In Ziar, as in the rest of Slovakia, Communist industrialization

In January, when the two republics make up separate hudgets for the first time, Slova-kia will lose \$500 million to \$1 billion in

federal subsidies. In private meetings, the World Bank and International Monetary Fund warned Slovak officials that the repub-

he can expect its standard of living to fall in

Independent Slovakia will desperately

need foreign investment. But the European Community's ambassador to Czechoslovakia, Leopold Guinti, blantly predicted last month that foreign investors will continue to prefer the Czech republic because they see Slovakia as unstable.

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tories began to close.

#### Serbian forces. Although the United Nations has imposed an arms embargo on the Balkans, American experts say

all factions there have benefited from arms smuggling. But the smuggling of weapons is far more important for the Muslims in Bosnia than it is for the Bosnian Serbs, amply supplied from the arsenals

tries have been providing military

aid to the Bosnian Muslims, the

seizure of the Iranian shipment

represents the first tangible evi-

dence, U.S. officials say.

The governments of Muslim

countries have expressed deep un-

lost most of its territory, mainly to

personnel carriers and the Muslims one or two. The Serbian forces have 600 to 800 artillery pieces to two dozen in the hands of the Muslims. The Senate has approved a resolution urging the administration to

reconsider its arms embargo be-cause it locks in the Serbian advan-tage. Some administration officials privately question the embargo.

Bosnia's Muslims are among the most secularized in all of Islam, and are not thought to be especially susceptible to the radical funda-

mentalism found in some segments of Iranian society. But the Serbs can be expected to point to the foiled Iranian arms shipment to argue that their fight in Bosnia is a defense against Islamic expansionism. The incident could prompt Western concern about the

growth of Islamic influence in the

heart of Europe.

Western officials say there have been suspicions for weeks that the tranians were sunnighing arms into the country aboard planes that landed in Zagreb, in part because the Iranians have been very protective of the aircraft after they land-ed. American officials said the U.S.

government had expressed its con-cerns to the Croats.

Finally, Croatian officials insist-ed on inspecting the contents of an Iranian plane that landed at Zagreb on Friday and uncovered the weapons, stored in crates marked as relief supplies. The Croats have put the weapons in storage for now.

It is nuclear whether the Iranians were trying to sacak into Bosnia to join in the fighting, advise the Bosnians in using the weapons, or to deliver the armaments

I Iran Denies Smuggling

President Hashemi Rafsanjani of Iran on Thursday denied that his country was suuggling weapons to the Balkans, hut said that it would consider sending arms to the Muslim-led Bosnian government if dip-lomatic efforts failed to end the conflict. The Associated Press reported from Beijing.

Mr. Rafsanjani, on a four-day visit to China, called reports of a plane carrying Iranian arms and personnel bound for Bosnia "essentially a lie, a fabrication." But he suggested that his government would adopt a fiexibile policy to-ward the Yugoslav conflict. "This problem should he solved

through other means," he said at a news conference. "But if other means are not effective, and they request arms from Iran, this is a question that we shall consider."

## **No-Fly Zone** Aids Shiites. U.S. Asserts

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ABOARD THE LaSALLE IN
THE GULF — Allied enforcement of a "no-fly" zone over southern Iraq has reduced the Iraqi government's repression of rebellious Shiite Mushims, a U.S. naval commander said Thursday.

The Iraqi Air Force has stopped bombing Shiites, and military operations against them on the ground also appear to have dimmished

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also appear to have diminished since the air exclusion zone below the 32d parallel was imposed on Ang. 27, said Admiral Raynor A. R. Taylor, commander of the U.S. Naval Forces Central Command.

The Irsqi leader, Saddam Hussein, withdrew about 70 combat aircraft as well as helicopters from below the 32d parallel before the allies began flying patrols. Before that, Western officials estimated that the Iraqis were flying an average of 30 combat missions a day against the Shrite rebels who had taken refuge in southern marshlands after an ill-fated March 1991 rebellion.

Iraqi opposition groups, mean-while, have reported the arrest of thousands of people in four southem cities, according to the official Iranian press agency, IRNA.

The press agency said more than 2,000 people had been arrested in Diwaniya, just south of the 32d parallel. Others were rounded up in

"Hundreds of people are being transferred to unknown destina-tions in the north," it said, quoting sources close to the Tehran-based Supreme Council for the Islamic Revolution in Iraq, an exile opposition movement. (AP, Renters)

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71 Rightists Seized in German Unrest

BERLIN (Reuters) — The police arrested 71 rightist radicals after they hurled firebombs, fireworks and stones at a refugee hostel in Eastern Germany for the third consecutive night, the police said Thursday.

The crowds attacking the building in Quedlinburg, west of Berlin in Saxony-Anhalt state, have grown steadily from 40 to about 100, the spokesman said. About 80 refugees from Bulgaria and Romania live in the hostel. About 200 town residents watching the violence refused to clear the area and could face police action if they continue to gather in the evening around the targeted hostel, a spokesman said.

In Rostock, where there was five nights of large-scale months are started for the started firmed reports that Islamic coun-

clear the area and could face police action if they continue to gather in the evening around the targeted hostel, a spokesman said.

In Rostock, where there was five nights of large-scale racist violence last month, a court passed its first sent-ness against 32 radical rightists arrested for protesting there. A 16-year-old youth got a year on probation for disturbing the peace and another was sentenced to two weeks of invenile detention for throwing stores at a refusal hand. juvenile detention for throwing stones at a refugee hostel.

#### happiness about the inability of Rebels Threaten to Hit Kabul Airport Western Europe and the United

States to bring an end to the Balkan fighting, in which the heavily outgumed Bosnian government has KABUL (AP) — Fundamentalist Muslim rebels threatened Thursday

KABUL (AP) — Fundamentalist Muslim rebels threatened Thursday to scrap a cease-fire agreement with the Islamic government and resume shelling the city's civilian and military airports.

The radical Islamic Party rebel group accused what it called the "Communist generals and uncivilized militia" loyal to the government of attacking its bases in western and northern Afghanistan.

#### Police Arrest Naples Crime Figure

ROME (AP) — The police raided an apartment in Rome Thursday and arrested a suspected boss of the Camorra, the underworld organization in Naples. The arrest was the second of an important organized crime figure

But the successes were tempered by the report that two brothers, but the successes were tempered by the report that two brothers, cousins of a Mafia informer, were shot and killed near Catania, Sicily, Thursday. The victims, Salvatore and Giuseppe Marchese, were cousins of Antonino Calderone, whose disclosures helped authorities draw up a list of the leading Mafia families, the ANSA news agency said.

The suspect arrested in Rome was identified as Raffaele Stolder. News

reports said he had undergone plastic surgery since disappearing several years ago. He was wanted on murder and bank robbery charges.

#### Russia to Release Data on KAL 007

MOSCOW (AP) - President Boris N. Yeltsin said Thursday that his vernment would give South Korea materials related to the downing of a outh Korean jethner over then-Soviet territory in 1983.

Mr. Yeltsin made the announcement during a phone conversation with President Roh Tae Won on Thursday, his second talk with the South Korean leader in two days, a Russian spokesman said. The Korean president "highly praised the decision," he said.

It was not immediately clear whether the material contains tapes from

the downed plane's flight recorders, which were reportedly found by Soviet search teams. The Korean airliner, a Boeing 747, was shot down Sept. 1, 1983, off Sakhalin Island after it strayed inside Soviet air space during a flight from New York to Seoul via Anchorage. All 269 people aboard KAL Flight 007 were killed.

#### Fischer and Spassky Draw 6th Game

SVETI STEFAN, Yngoslavia (AP)—Bobby Fischer narrowly escaped his third straight chess defeat Thursday, squeaking by with a draw with Boris Spassky in the sixth game of their match, "Somehow I slipped out," Mr. Fischer said after the game. "It looked terrible." Mr. Spassky leads in the match by two victories to one.

To win the match, one of the players must win 10 games. Draws do not count. The winner is to receive \$3.35 million, with \$1.65 million going to

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#### TRAVEL UPDATE

New Zealand's national flag carrier, Air New Zealand, will start flights to Taiwan and Thailand from Australia in November. Everglades and Biscayne national parks in Florida, which were both in

the path of the devastating hurricane last month, remain closed because of damage to facilities and the lack of utilities.

(WP)

The 210-foot Nantucket Chipper, a cruise ship with 135 people aboard, ran aground on a rock off the Maine coast and then floated free hours later in the rising tide, the Coast Guard said. Four people suffered mind the coast and the coas

Greece was crippled for a second day Thursday by a nationwide general strike. The work stoppage, to underline demands for the withdrawal of social services reform bill, disrupted banking, postal, telephone, transport and hospital services. The strike was due to end late Thursday. (Reuters)



Europe
There will be no unseasonably cold or warm weather across Europa Seturday brough Monday. London and Paris will be partly eursy with a shower possible Sunday while surshine is the rule in Geneve. Farther south, warm and humid weather will prevail in Rome. North America NOTTH America
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#### EC: Even a French 'Yes' Won't Dispel the New Gloom "He sees the dangers of national- the fold so the pact could enter into (Continued from page 1)

ion polls give a slight edge to the "yes" vote, but the margin of error makes the outcome of the French

referendum on Sept. 20 too close to Mr. Delors, in particular, has been stunned by the surge of opposition in his country. He has vowed perately to persuade his compatrito resign if the French reject the agreement that he labored to bring

one who reflected the mindset of those who had voted "no." Friends say that Mr. Delors has

feels powerless to stop it," one said.

In order to avoid making any decisions that might antagonize French voters, Mr. Delors has virtually shut down the Community's business while he campaigns desots to approve the treaty.

"Everything is suspended in a state of limbo," an EC official said, forth, asserting that he would not be capable of "glueing the porcelain back together" and that he lain back together and that he would have to cede his job to some and we are supposed to keep our heads as low as possible."

Danish voters spurned the treaty always been given to moods of in June. Still, the Community has doubt and pessimism, but that they been hoping that ratification by the have never seen him in such a moother members would enable the Danes to find some way to rejoin

> Havy's New-York Bar THE OLDEST COCKTAIL BAR IN EUROPE TH Just tell the taxi driver, "Sank noo doe noo" sa GENEVA: Confederation Center **BERLIN: Grand Hotel Esplanade**

sm again recurring in Europe, yet effect early next year.

A French disavowal, in the view of EC officials, would kill the treaty and set the cause of European unity back hy at least two decades. Yet, EC officials also acknowledge that many Community prob-

lems will not go away even if France approves the treaty. Arguments raised in the French debate have, ironically, served to expose the diminishing degree of support for Europe in other countries, including Germany. Germans are worried about see-

ing their affluent living standards slip because of the high costs of reunification and the demands of a growing tide of refugees flooding their country. In addition, fears about sacrificing the almighty Deutsche mark in favor of an untested common European currency have continued to grow.

being forced to subsidize some of Monique Delvou, spokeswoman the costs of German unity by going for Prime Minister Jean-Luc Dealong with the high interest rates haene, said, "A referendum in our dictated by the Bundesbank

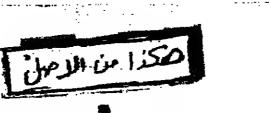
#### **Belgians Favor** Holding Vote on **Maastricht Treaty**

BRUSSELS - Almost half of the Belgians want a referendam on the Maastricht treaty, and almost as many have not decided how they sued Thursday.

The poll, in Panorama magazine, showed that 47.8 percent of the Belgians want a referendum, which rises to 68.9 percent in Brussels, home of the European Community's executive commission, council and parliament buildings.

In Belgium 25.8 percent were against a referendum, with the rest having no preference. Overall, 46.7 percent had not decided how they would vote on the treaty in case of a referendum.

The lower house of parliament In other countries, resentment is has already approved the treaty by directed at Germany. Many of its a 146-to-33 vote, and the Senate is EC partners complain that they are expected to approve it next month. country is completely excluded."



Alabaman is Confirmed as U.S. Judge

off a threatened filibuster to thwart the nomination.

several rulings in capital cases.

pursuit of executions.

slight opposition.

WASHINGTON - After two days of angry debate in which

election year politics were oever far from the surface, the Senate

confirmed Edward E. Carnes, an Alabama prosecutor, to an impor-

tant federal appeals judgeship. Mr. Carnes, 42, was confirmed easily after his supporters garnered 66 votes, six more than needed, to cut

An assistant state attorney general, Mr. Carnes is widely known

for his skills in arguing death penalty cases. He will take a seat on the Court of Appeals for the 11th Circuit, in Atlanta, where he has won

Mr. Carnes's nomination, with its heavy emphasis on issues of racial fairness, had touched off a debate with passions unmatched since Clarence Thomas was confirmed last fall to the Supreme Court. Almost all the traditional civil rights groups, including the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund and the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, were opposed to the nomination. They contended that Mr. Carnes was insensitive to racial issues in his

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The nomination fight took place as the Democrats were debating among themselves whether to refuse to consider any more judicial nominations from President George Bush in the final months of an election year in which Governor Bill Clinton of Arkansas, the Democratic presidential nominee, could gain the White House and the right to place Democratic sendidates for the bench

Joseph Biden of Delaware, chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, said the panel would continue to process some nomina-

tions. But senators are finding confirmation lights an unsettling experience, and the controversy surrounding the Carnes nomination, in the view of many, means there will be little appetite to proceed in the view of many, means there will be little appetite to proceed

with other judicial nominations before Election Day if there is even

CHESAPEAKE, Virginia -- Under the aegis of a tax-exempt and

supposedly nonpartisan "citizen action" organization, the television evangelist Pat Robertson has raised more than \$13 million for an

ambitious and largely unheralded foray into electoral politics. It is aimed at electing "pro-family Christiaus" to Congress and achieving "working" control of the Republican Party by the next election.

Since it was founded in 1989, Mr. Robertson's Christian Coalition

has in many ways eclipsed the impact of the defunct Moral Majority, tapping state and local affiliates to achieve majorities or oear

majorities on Republican central committees in more than a half-

dozen states and by placing 300 members as delegates to last month's

Now Mr. Robertson, an unsuccessful Republican presidential

candidate in 1988, is planning a huge, get-ont-the-vote effort for this year's November elections, including "in-pew" registration at churches, the distribution of up to 40 million "voter guides" on

"family" issues and the use of computer-assisted telephone banks to

"I think this will be most effective coordinated activity by evange-

listical Christians that we've ever seen," said Ralph Reed Jr., executive director of the Christian Coalition, which claims 250,000

members in 49 states, of the group's electoral activities. "I don't want

to belittle Jerry Falwell or the Moral Majority. But the Christian

Coalition as a model represents a more mature, more developed and more politically sophisticated vehicle for Christian political activ-

The group also is aggressively backing anti-homosexual rights initiatives in Oregon and Colorado and working to defeat a proposed

equal rights amendment in Iowa. Mr. Robertson wrote in a recent

fund-raising letter that the amendment would advance a feminist

agenda "that encourages women to leave their husbands, kill their

Some Republican strategists, while privately embarrassed by some

"We do not need to raise taxes in this country. I found out the hard

way. I went along with one Democratic tax increase and I'm not going to do it again. Ever. Ever." — President George Bush. (AP)

children, practice witchcraft, destroy capitalism, and become lesbi-

of Mr. Robertson's language, acknowledge his activities may be decisive in bringing out Republican voters in some southern and border states, a political calculus underscored by President George

Republican National Convention.

help elect favored candidates in key races.

Robertson is Thriving on 'Citizen Action'

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Bush's plans to speak here Friday night before 1,100 Christian Coalition activists expected to attend the group's second annual "Road to Victory" conference.

**Away From the Hustings** 

Quote-Unquote



LOVE IN A CLOSED CLIMATE — Jan Davis and Mark Lee, who are to be the first married couple in space, posing at Cape Canaveral, Florida, in front of Endeavour, in which they and five others are to depart for a weeklong mission Saturday.

• After an emotional debate over the U.S. future in space, the Senate voted to continue funding for the controversial, \$30 billion space station Freedom. By a vote of 63 to 34, the Senate rejected a spirited effort by Senator Dale Bumpers, Democrat of Arkansas, to withdress for the orbiting laboratory, which is to be draw financial support for the orbiting laboratory, which is to be lannached piece by piece in a series of shutile trips beginning

November 1995. • A survey of American jails by the Public Citizen Health Research Group in Washington has found that more than half regularly hold people with serious mental disorders on trivial charges or no charges

• The Bush advainistration is putting off until after the November election a decision on revising census counts that could affect billions of dollars in federal aid.

Hunger in the United States has grown by 50 percent since 1985, spreading beyond inner cities to affect about 30 million people, according to a report by Tufts University Center on Hunger, Poverty

The Senate killed legislation designed to reduce damages that manufacturers pay to injured consumers in product liability law-suits. The action represented a setback for Bush administration and Nutrition Policy.

• After stumping New Jersey for more than a month to build public support for his position, Governor Jim Florio made good on his support for his position, Governor Jim Florio made good on his support for his position, Governor Jim Florio made good on his support to veto a bill that would effectively repeal the state's two-promise to veto a bill that would effectively repeal the state's two-promise to veto a bill that would effectively repeal the state's two-promise assumit

 David Young, who naugged and threatened to kill a senator's wife, was sentenced to 20 years to life in prison. He was convicted in May of assaulting Lucy Calautti, wife of Senator Kent Conrad of North Dakota, outside the couple's Capitol Hill home.

The Bush administration's plan to crase America's drug scourge is a \$32 billion failure that lacks focus and victimizes the people it is supposed to help, according to a study prepared by the Senate Judiciary Committee.

# Carlow Notes : Odd (and Successful) Couple: Vice President and Chief Aide

By Kevin Sack New Tork Times Service

WASHINGTON - When most everyone else at Harvard was marching against haps it was Mr. Kristol, her husband's than plotting the rehabilitation of Mr. the war in Vietnam, William Kristol was chief of staff, she had in mind. defending it as a righteous cause. When At first glance, the pairing of Dan they were rallying for the equal rights Quayle and Bill Kristol might seem the amendment to the U.S. Constitution, he unlikeliest of combinations. was testifying against it at a Senate hear- Mr. Quayle was a "C" student and self-

Spiro Agnew sweatshirt around campus stand "just to shock people."

the traditions were worth preserving."

He says be kept his hair short, did not smoke marijuana and had little time for

Jimi Hendrix or the Doors. "He was far too rigorous to compare Harvard in three years, then earned a Bob Dylan to W.B. Yeats," said R. Emmett Ph.D. and taught political philosophy Tyrrell, a boyhood friend who went on to there. become editor of The American Spectator.

everyone joined the counterculture," per-

described "late bloomer" from Hunting-While others were lampooning President ton, Indiana, a town where a night out Richard Nixon, Mr. Kristol was wearing a meant cruising to the A & W root beer

Mr. Kristol grew up in what Mr. Tyrrell Proudly contrarian by nature, Mr. Krischler called an endless intellectual salon, the tol was openly contemptuous of the cocksure radicals who thought they were the sure radicals who thought they were the smartest generation ever and that none of the cocksure radicals who thought they were the parents, Irving Kristol, the neoconservative sage, and Gertrude Himmelfarb, a historian of the Victorian era.

He graduated as valedictorian from the exclusive Collegiate School in Manhattan, sailed through undergraduate school at Harvard in three years, then carned a

publican convention last month that "not publicans now," he grouses - there may have been no more fulfilling job in politics

> The relationship has proven mutually beneficial beyond imagination. It has given the vice president the intellectual cachet

> and strategic discipline he so badly needed. And it has given the 39-year-old Mr. Kristol a vehicle, a way to move his conservative agenda from obscure journals of the New Right all the way to the White House.

> To the extent that Mr. Quayle has become the Bush administration's leading voice on issues like "family values" and civil-justice reform and has chipped away at his caricature in the process, Mr. Kristol has received much of the credit.

Some in the vice president's office protest that Mr. Kristol has received too much credit for Mr. Quayle's successes. His coleagues have mocked him relentlessly since The Wall Street Journal quoted James Pin-kerton, a former White House aide, as

Irving Kristol told his son drily that the compliment was faint praise. But when Mr. Quayle's press secretary, David C. Becklikes to respond, "Where's the smartest guy in the White House when you need him?"

Mr. Quayle believes that news reports eharacterizing Mr. Kristol as "Dan Quayle's brain," as the magazine The New Quayle's brain," as the magazine The New who look down on middle-class bourgeois Republic did in 1990, are just the latest values," Mr. Kristol said. "It's bicoastal snobbery, and I think that's worth criticiz-

Bill doesn't, either. Bill offers a lot to me and what I've done as vice president. But I'm the one that sets the agenda. I come up with the direction that we want to go. I'm the one that's coming up with ideas." And yet both the strategy and policies of Mr. Quayle's vice presidency bear Mr. Kristol's imprint.

When Marilyn Quayle reminded the Reublican convention last month that "not publicans now," he grouses — there may House."

calling him the "smartest guy in the White elite," a group that Irving Kristol, co-editor of the conservative journal The Public Interest, labeled years ago as "the new class."

Many critics have said that William Kristol is as much a part of the cultural with, is thrown a tough question now, he likes to respond, "Where's the smartest guy was defined by its attitudes, not its class or its intellectualism

"He's used the term to refer to people

fairly.
"I don't particularly care for it," Mr.
Quayle said in a recent interview, "I'm sure ing for Mr. Quayle if President George Bush is re-elected, Mr. Kristol said he would support him unequivocally for the 1996 Republican presidential nomination, even if other friends like Jack F. Kemp and William J. Bennett are in the race.

"Honesty requires one to say that no one's a hero to his valet, and one would Aristol's imprint.

Perhaps most notable is Mr. Quayle's

Empirical form of what he cells take arilling the confident confident. demonization of what he calls "the cultural that he is capable of being president."

#### **BUSH:**

#### Reworking Image (Continued from page 1) close to election time into believing

that the president actually meant what he said." In Detroit, Mr. Bush character-ized Mr. Clinton's economic vision as a "mirage," saying the Demo-crat, who leads in opinion surveys,

wants the government to accumu-late capital by taxing and borrow-ing then redistributing wealth. As he has in the past, the president positioned himself as the free-market candidate who wants smaller government and less business regu-lation.

The Bush-Quayle campaign bought five minutes of time on the major television networks Thursday night to reinforce the presi-dent's Detroit message. Some of the president's new pro-

posals followed similar plans out-lined by Mr. Clinton. The Democrat previously had vowed to cut the White House operating budget by 25 percent. He had pledged to require an annual 3 percent cut in tion, over eight years. And he had advertised a toll-free phone number for Americans to obtain his The 35-year-old patient died

ception among voters that Mr.
Bush has no plan to improve the
American economy, The president
repeated his call for low-tax Urban Enterprise Zones, for a research and development tax credit, and

Earlier this year, the president vetoed an economic stimulus package that he otherwise supported because it contained an increase in the income tax on millionaires. Mr. Clinton submitted an economic plan during the summer and has mocked the president's insistence that staying the course will lead to

Although the nation is technically out of recession, a range of eco-nomic indicators, from falling busioess confidence to rising unemployment claims, indicate that recovery will be slew and spot-

ty, at best.
Mr. Bush's years in the White House have seen the slowest fouryear growth record since the Deion. Unemployment in the formerly booming states of California and New Jersey is near 10 percent, and both states appear to be shifting rapidly from the Republican to the Democratic column. Debt-laden consumers are spending cautiously and fear of job loss is pervasive not only in manufacturpervasive not only in manusculing but also among white-collar workers. Layoff amouncements are frequent, especially among mil-

Mr. Clinton's plan for recovery combines a range of spending pro-grams on infrastructure construc-tion and high-technology development, and on worker training and education, combined with tax incentives for civilian research and

# Iran-Contra Case 'Virtually Done'

By Ronald J. Ostrow Los Angeles Times Service

WASHINGTON — Lawrence E. Walsh, having decided oot to seek the indictment of former President Ronald Reagan and the former White House chief of staff Donald T. Regan in connection with the Iran-contra scandal, says his investigation is "virtually done."

While some "cleanup work" remained, the independent counsel said in an interview, it should be finished in about a week to 10 days, bringing the six-year investigation to a close.

He declined to rule out the possibility of any future indictments, noting that a few interviews remained. He likened this stage of the investigation to "a supersaturated solution" in which "adding one more crystal brings it to a head."

But special prosecutor's remarks in the interview indicated that future indictments were improbable, particularly because he seemed intent on keeping his commitment to Congress to complete the investigation by the end of summer.

With the investigation nearly over, the big question becomes what his final report will say about the public officials who had roles in the Iran-

contra matter but were never indicted. His report was expected to reach conclusi about the involvement of Mr. Reagan, his chief cabinet officers. White House and National Security Council aides and CIA officials in the worst scandal to enmesh the Reagan administration. It involved the secret sale of arms to Iran in exchange for hostages and a diversion of some of the funds to Nicaraguan rebels at a time when U.S. aid to them was prohibited by Congress.

# Recipient of Baboon Liver Had HIV

PITTSBURGH - A man who operating expenses by every federal agency. He had proposed to cut 100,000 federal jobs, through attri-

conomic plan, just as the Bush-Quayle campaign did on Thursday.

The 33-year-old patient died
Sunday at the University of Pitts-burgh Medical Center after suffer-ing a stroke. His identity was never revealed.

#### CIA Will Disclose Its Secret Records On Nazi Recruits

NEW YORK - In a change of

policy that could provide new information about U.S. recruitment of Nazi war criminals after World War II, the Central Intelligence Agency said it has begun to system-ancally search its records with the aim of opening long-secret files to historians' scrutiny.

The CIA, which has been accused of shielding such contacts in the past, said it intended to make public the information, so long as it did not harm national security, regardless of its potential for embarressment to the government.

Recent years have brought disclosures that U.S. intelligence pro-tected such criminals as Klaus Barbie, the head of the German secret police in Lyon, and hired German scientists who had used slave labor and experimented on concentra-

An agency spokesman, Mark Mansfield, said that the unit in charge of classifying secret material has been ordered "to search for and review all such records, including those previously released only in part, for declassification and trans-fer to the National Archives."

The disclosure policy was described as growing out of a commitment by the director, Robert M. Gates, to make the CIA "more visipolicy of oot carrying out transplants on AIDS patients. They did not say why they were revealing his HIV-positive condition now.

At the time of the June 28 transplant, the man had been near death from hepatitis B, a liver disease.

Doctors said the relatively healthy condition of the baboon liver when the patient died had encouraged them to continue with

Hospital officials said the man board has cleared the transplant had not developed AIDS symptoms, and they cited the hospital's operations. The man was pronounced dead

after falling into a coma when doctors tried to wean him from a respirator as he was recovering from an infection.

This heroic man almost made it but fell short of the mark," said Dr. Thomas E. Starzl, director of the transplant program at the universi-

He and other doctors said initial results indicated that rejection of the experimental transplant pro-gram, and the university's ethics cause of the patient's death. the baboon liver had not been the

## Navy Disciplines Officer In Nude Photo Affair

By John Lancaster

War College was forced to resign last year after asking female navy employees to pose nude for shipboard training posters on "safety, fitness, outrition" and other topics, according to navy officials.

was dismissed after a navy investigation that began in December 1990, when he asked a civilian employee at the college, Nancy Campagna, to pose in "pinup" training photographs for use on ships deploying to the Gulf, according to a copy of a law-uit she filed against him this week in Rhode Island,

ner, had served previously as director of strategic noclear weapons cluded in the lawsuit. training at the U.S. Naval Submarine School in Groton, Connecticut, and on the staff of the U.S Naval Forces Commander in Europe, navy officials said. He com-manded a Poseidon ballistic missile ject coordinator" and directed Mrs. submarine, the Alexander Hamil-

ton, from 1981 to 1986. negative publicity surrounding the Tailhook sex scandal, which involved assaults and misconduct at Captain Gebhardt was charged

the Pentagon inspector general, Washington Post Service forced the navy to confront what WASHINGTON — A senior officer on the faculty of the Naval mosphere of sexual harassment and

Navy officials said Captain Gebhardt had photographed other women in revealing poses over the years, including several who apparently posed in a classroom subma-Captain Laurence P. Gebhardt rine trainer at the submarine school in Groton. A senior official said. however, that none of the 10 or so other women had complained about the experience and that some Captain Gebhardt, 50, first ap-

proached Mrs. Campagna through an anonymous letter in which he asked her to "work with me on a where the college is based, asked her to "work with me on a Captain Gebhardt, a submarifun but outrageous project," according to a copy of the letter in-A senior official said investiga-

tors had been unable to confirm whether any of the finished products were actually posted.

nbmarine, the Alexander Hamil-on, from 1981 to 1986.

The disclosure follows months of interested. She feared for her safety

Captain Gebhardt was charged a convention of naval aviators in with conduct unbecoming an offi-Las Vegas last year. That episode, which is still under investigation by

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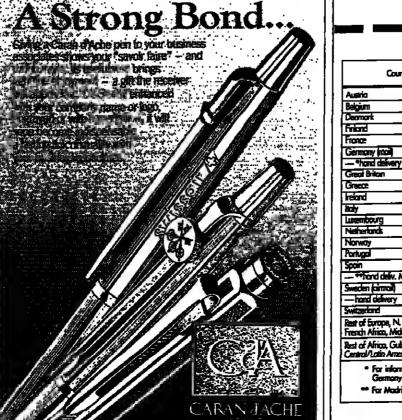
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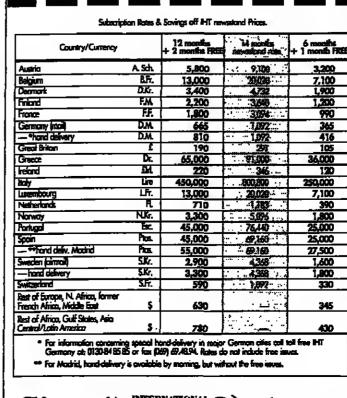
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PARIS -- After months of hesitation over what it might do to

The accord now depends on the relations with China, France has outcome of talks between Dassault minister, Dominique Straussgiven approval for the sale of Mi-rage 2000-5 warplanes to Taiwan, plane, and Taiwan officials, offi-could not formally announce its

authorizative French officials said cials at several ministries involved backing for the sale until Dassault lifted the ban, Taiwan officials still the decision said. The industry and foreign trade

mercial agreement.
But such a decision "would not be considered by the French government as an act of aggression against the People's Republic of China," the minister said, anticipating a strong reaction from Beij-

ing.

If the sale goes through, it is expected to be worth \$2.6 billion for 60 Mirage 2000-5s, a 20-percent reduction of the original price.

The sale would be a boost for

plane to a foreign country since 1988 and has lost major contracts

years of de facto embargo on the sale of military materiel to the island republic.

Taiwan, which has been negotiating with Dassault for months, has

were its first choice. The Nationalist-ruled island. which Beijing sees as a breakaway province to be eventually reunited with the mainland, had built its air force on U.S. aircraft and technol-

ogy. But now that Washington has

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say they are interested in diversifying and could buy both F-16s and Mirage 2000-5s.

The United Daily News, a Taipei newspaper, reported Wednesday that Taiwan was under U.S. pressure to cancel the Mirage deal and settle for the F-16s.

The French government, stung over its sale of six frigues to Taiwan last year, was extremely cantions as it entered the current negotiations, especially since China has delayed the completion of a con-Dassault, which has not sold a war- tract for 12 Airbus A-300-600 passenger planes.
French weapons sales abroad are

in Finland, Greece and Switzer-land.

The political approval from Par-tained from the interministerial The political approval from Par-is came after President George Bush approved the sale of 150 F-16s to Taiwan last week, ending nym of CIEEMG, followed by a government permission to negotiate, followed by final official ap-proval once the negotiations are concluded.

The officials said that because made no secret that the U.S. planes the first two approvals have been obtained, the government is certain that the sale will go through if an agreement is reached.

They said the French decision. despite the coolness it is likely to cause in ties with Beijing, is the result of economic considerations overcoming over political ones.



RETRIEVING REMNANTS NEAR PINATUBO - Residents of Mahalacat, near Mount Pinatubo in the Philippines, carrying the few things they were able to salvage Thursday after mud engulfed their homes. The mud, unleashed in flows as high as 15 feet by rain, buried 200 houses and 5 schools. Hundreds continued to flee to a center at Clark Air Base, the former U.S. Iacility.

# China Warns U.S. on Wheat Deals

Washington Post Service
BELITNG — China, the No. 1 customer for U.S. wheat, suggested Thursday that it might stop buy-ing American grain immediately if Washington went through with a plan to sell F-16 fighter jets to

The announcement, carried by the official Xinhua press agency, was the second in as many days indicating that China was stepping up pressure against the proposed U.S. sale of the advanced warplanes to Taiwan, which Beijing considers a

renegade province.

Quoting an unidentified agricultural official, the news agency said China had imported large quantities of U.S. wheat in recent years to help improve relations with Washington, even though its own grain supplies were overflowing because of good

But Xinhua said that the administration of President George Bush had violated a 1982 agreement between China and the United States, calling for the gradual phasing out of arms sales to Taiwan, and that the Chinese official had therefore

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wheat for the past several years, sometimes buying as much as 10 percent of total U.S. wheat produc tion in a given year. Grain was the third leading U.S. export to China last year.

Even if the Chinese make good on their threat, Beijing would still probably buy some wheat from another country, thereby opening other markets for U.S. wheat, analysts said. The demand for imported wheat is likely to grow, no matter where the Chinese buy it. The Chinese diet has become more varied over the

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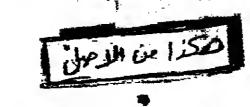
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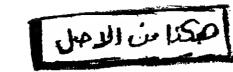
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LONDON — Kevin Maxwell, fighting financial and legal troubles after the collapse of his father's publishing empire, went to an unemployment office Thursday. But his efforts to sign up for benefits got off to a shaky start: Having entered the wrong government building, he had to drive himself, in his silver Mercedes station wagon, to another one.

Mr. Maxwell, 33, the son of the late publishing magnate Robert Maxwell, was declared bankrupt last week by a court with debts of £406.5 million (\$798 million), Britain's biggest personal bankruptcy ever. He and his brother Ian also face conspiracy and frand charges stemming from misuse of pension money in Maxwell companies.

Kevin Maxwell said Thursday that he was not on the dole - "not yet, anyway." If he qualifies, he would be eligible for up to £194.50 a week in unemployment benefits and income support for himself, his wife and four children.

Pandora Maxwell said that her husband "would very much like to work, but at the moment I think he's effectively unemployable. "If he could find a job to fit in with his meetings and interviews with the police and various authorities, then I'm sure he would consider it seriously." she said. "He's a very well-qualified man and has a great deal of experience. I'm sure he would be a valuable asset."

## TOKYO: Painful Yeltsin Rebuff

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ly got zero." The Asahi Shimbun. e of Japan's leading dailies, said the Yeltsin visit fell victim to "poor diplomacy by third-class politicians in a second-class economy." The paper made it clear that it was referring to the Japanese, not to the

While the long-term effects of the sudden stalemate were unclear, Prime Minister Kiichi Miyazawa left little doubt Thursday that he thought any resolution of the islands issue was now years away.

In a country that often is landed for the apparently seamless way that it merges business and govern-ment interests, however, the events of the last few days have shown that the formula is hardly foolproof. The country's elite seems sharply divided between those who say that a geographically small, resource-poor nation must never give up an inch, and those who argue that Japan is rich enough to afford placing the territory issue on hold until Russia is stable.

Business officials, who have been critical of the Japanese Foreign Ministry's preoccupation with the islands, said Thursday that they feared the trip's cancellation would doom any chance for Japan to make major investments in the Russian Far East for a number of

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Moreover, diplomats here speculated that Japan would increasingly ern allies over Russian policy. islands, Germany and other na- resolved. tions have grown testy about Ja-

Yeltsin calculated that the in-

view about getting the islands back," Kuniko Inoguchi, a profes-sor of political science at Sophia University said Thursday. "I think he calculated right."

For the Japanese, far more is at stake than just the islands, which Japan calls the Northern Territories. The dispute with Russia is by far the biggest foreign policy issue in which Japan is operating entirely on its own, rather than following in America's wake. Officials of the Foreign Ministry were clearly tir-ing Thursday of accusations that they had acted like rank amateurs.

The chief spokesman for the ministry, Masamichi Hanabusa, said in an interview that the bulk of the problem lay in Moscow, where Mr. Yeltsin "missed a good opportunity" to draft compromise language with Michio Watanabe, the country's powerful foreign minister and deputy prime minister.

Mr. Watanabe was dispatched to Moscow a week ago with a broad mandate to get a deal started, But according to the Japanese version events, he was snubbed, told that Mr. Yeltsin would reveal his cards only to Prime Minister Miyazawa, In Tokyo, this treatment was regarded as even more insulting than

the cancellation of the trip.
The Japanese insist that they have not ignored Russia's needs. They have promised \$2.65 billion in aid, and said Thursday that another \$100 million would be forthcoming from the Export-Import find itself in conflict with its West- Bank. But in the next breath, they often claim that the Japanese pub-Though the United States has long lic would not accept massive aid to supported Japan's position on the Russia unless they islands issue was

Asked whether Japan was now pan's continued refusal to shoulder contemplating a change of course, much of the aid burden for Russia. providing more aid first and talking about territory later, Mr. Hanaside of saving the Russian econo- remain unchanged in its important

The African National Congress demands that homeland leaders it regards as inimical to democracy be replaced by impartial caretakers pending elections. The South Afri-

It was no surprise that the ANC chose Ciskei for Monday's march, which was aimed explicitly at toppling Brigadier Goozo. The region, where the Xhosa and the British fought their frontier wars in the 19th century, is one of the ANC's most militant strongholds, and there have been many signs that the brigadier's position is wobbly.

mountains of Ciskei finds no border posts to mark the frequent passage across the "international" border with South Africa.

duced from the standard of living. The cozy 19th-century English colonial towns, Queenstown, Fort Beanfort, King William's Town, are in South Africa. The sprawling townships and the barren rural settlements, Zwelitsha, Thornhill those are in Ciskei. The Indian Ocean port of East

London is South Africa's automaking center. The neighboring slum of Mdantsane is Ciskei.

The brigadier readily admits that Mercedes fleet of his cabinet. South Africa trained and

equipped the army - assisted by such a large contingent of Israelis that for a time the supermarket in Bisho had a kosher section. South Africans - many retired

#### **HOMELAND:** A Mock Country

Monday, there is explosive disagreement about where these homelands fit in the post-apartheid

African Amsy. can government insists it is "not in the business of replacing govern-ments," as a spokesman put it.

The killings left Ciskei extremely volatile. Police and soldiers conducted door-to-door searches and were said to be arresting and beating participants in Monday's march. In the townships southwest of Bisho, residents burned the homes of Ciskei soldiers.

Following the Ciskei killings, the ANC staged an uneventful march Wednesday against the tiny home-land of Qwa Qwa, about 200 miles south of Johannesburg, along the northern border of Lesotho. More ominously, its leaders said

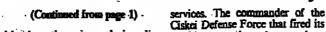
they were contemplating action against KwaZulu, the Zulu homeland and the domain of the ANC's bitterest and most powerful black political rival, Chief Mangosuthu Gatsha Buthelezi,

A visitor driving through the rolling pasture and voluptoous

But the boundaries are easily de-

in economic terms, his republic is anything but independent. South Africa underwrites the budget that pays for the 30,000-member civil service and its perks, including the black bulletproof Range Rover that the brigadier favors and the

or seconded from the South African government and military ternational community is on the busa said simply: "Our policy will still make up more than half the brigadier's cabinet and the leader-MOSCOW: A Large Dispute Over 4 Small Islands



machine guns into the crowd on Monday, Brigadier Marius Oels-chig, is on loan from the South

Almost inevitably, the home-lands have tended to confirm all the worst prejudices of white South Africans about black rule. Stripped by the mapmakers of their assets. burdened with millions of impoverished blacks forcibly resettled from other areas and saddled in many cases with ruthless and corrupt rulers, they have deteriorated into wretched poverty and political

frustration, hardly relieved by some spectacular scenery. "You do admire the place when you see it," said Jeanette Mahonga, acknowledging the scenic mountains that surround her hometown of Seymouriskei. "If you could just flavor it with a bit of life."

Seymour, a larming center of about 18,000 people, is one place where blacks regard South Africa with nostalgia.

posed in 1981, many whites fled, fearing the uncertainties of black rule. The tobacco farms that were the economic mainstay were sold cheap, locals say, either to absentee black landlords with the right connections or to subsistence farmers who use them to graze goats. The Kat River tobacco mill closed.

Africa's more wretched settlements of mnd-brick bats and tin sheds. The primary school has a dirt floor English-language Jerusalem Post and nn electricity. The drinking published a similar account Thurswater flowing to the few communal taps comes from a reservoir pollnt-

er of the ANC, said the town gets even shorter shrift than other pockets of poverty because it is known as strong ANC country, and Briga-dier Gqozo despises the ANC. Although Seymour seems more sleepy than militant, the brigadier

nized that the Golan is a Syrian keeps a tight lid on the town. Last ursday, when 70 residents gathered to hear a pep talk about the march on Bisho, 50 heavily armed troops gathered outside while their commander ordered the meeting



#### Seymour barbors one of South MIDEAST: Israel and Syria Negotiate a Basis for Peaceful Settlement

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day morning. While there was nn official reaced by two cemeteries submerged in the rainy season. non from President Assad to the Israeli statements about a joint Mrs. Mahonga, a member of the document, the Syrian ambassador municipal council and a local lead-er of the ANC, said the town gets interview to Abrar, a hard-line Iranian daily, that was published in Tehran on Thursday. We are positive about recent Israeli interpretations nn the Golan Heights," he said, adding that "Israel has recog-

> However, Farouk Shara, Syria's foreign minister, said in Doha on Thursday that Syria would accept nothing short of a total Israeli withdrawal from the Golan Heights. A leading Israeli expert on Syri-

an affairs who was a senior official in the departing government of Yitzhak Shamir, said that Syria was responding to peace openings from Israel out of necessity and had little choice but to find a compromise delivered by Egypt and the United that would end with a peace treaty. States in the last few months and

a professor of Arab affairs, said countries to Syria. signals from Syria have been coming for a long time, even before the June elections, with many messages

The expert, Yossi Olmert, who is Israeli answers relayed by the two

tried to give more substance to the word peace," Mr. Olmert said in an

#### Israelis Kill 2 Palestinians in Border Clash

Agence France-Presse JERUSALEM — Israeli border guards shot and killed two Pales-tinians and wounded a third during clashes Thursday in the occupied Gaza Strip after the Palestinians opened fire, an army spokesman

The dead men were among five who had shot at a patrol in the Shabura neighborhood of Rafah. Rafah bnt, according to Palestin- in the Nuscirat refugee camp.

Border guards killed the two while inns, residents defied the order, the three others barricaded them- taking to the streets in protest. This selves in a bouse, the spokesman triggered more clashes

A gun battle of several hours ensued before the Palestinians fled. The burder guards shot and wounded one while the other two escaped.

Also Thursday, masked men killed a Palestinian in Gaza suspected of collaborating with the Israeli authorities, Palestinian sources said. Saber Abu Rahma, The army imposed a curfew on 40, was shot and killed at his home



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simplistic slogans or demands. But the Kuril issue was easy to understand - these were territories Russians had won fair and square, and the Japanese were being arrogant in their demands, esially in threatening to withhold Mr. Yeltsin's retreat before such

feelings was welcomed by the right-ists. The decision taken by the

inous overtones. The immediate prospects for Russian-Japanese reons were not the most worrying. Most experts agreed that Japanese investments in Russia were likely to continue being determined more by prospects of profit than by nations honor, and Western industrial powers were likely to continue pressuring Tokyo to bolster its aid.

At home, the postponement of the visit, however expedient, was

president seems natural and logi-cal, and, I think, will raise his an-which showed that it could win Mr. Yelisin over on a major issue. From all indications, the Foreign Minis-try under Andrei V. Kozyrev had igged for the visit all along and had prepared various compromise proposals on the islands.

> Mr. Yeltsin postponed his visit in part to avoid a debilitating political clash on the eve of major battles over his cabinet and his econnmic prngram, which are venes next month. But in avoiding a bout over Japan, some commen-tators thought, he may only have emboldened his opponents for the



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# Trade and the Campaign

The North American Free Trade Agreement is highly technical, and it will not greatly affect U.S. economic growth. But it has suddenly become important in the president for Americans "the NAFTA agreement in the president of the dential campaign because, unlike the various ment is rapidly becoming, substantively pledges to reduce the deficit and create jobs, and symbolically, representative of everyit is specific. A couple of weeks ago President George Bush used the agreement as an example with which to warn the country about protectionist Democrats. The Democratic chairmen of the trade committees, who had been working closely with the administration on the agreement, understandably reacted with fury. The general shape of the agreement has been public knowledge for some time. But for the people directly involved and their congressmen, the shape is irrele-vant. It is the actual wording that counts.

What happens next will be a split-level debate. At one level, it will be a matter of industries, labor unions and environmental organizations talking about the agreement's specific provisions, line by line, and whether they will accomplish what they promise. But at another level, it will be a debate

about the decline in manufacturing jobs, the impact of foreign competition and the failure of the American economy to grow

thing that is wrong with their lives."

and be wants the agreement held up and revised in the next administration.

In any case, there will be no action and no

-THE WASHINGTON POST.

## The Candidate of Change

of America; it is a cultural war," and calling the Democratic convention "the greatest single exhibition of cross-dressing in American

It doesn't matter, though, because it turns out he did not mean it, or did not mean what and his managers, having beamed their mes-sage but having found out in the process that it could cost support in the center, are saying it was all a regrettable misunderstanding. "The traditional values issue has been mis-

interpreted, misreported," the vice president blithely explained at a news conference Thesday in Los Angeles. The Republicans are the party of moderation on these issues and of nondiscrimination, he went on, in what Mr. Buchanan would doubtless describe as a change of costume, "I don't think you heard any of that thetoric coming from me. You didn't hear it coming from the president." Well, maybe a little. "The gap between us and our opponents is a cultural divide," the vice president said at the convention. But they were just kidding. What they really meant by family values, they tell us now, were — honestly — things like airline and telephone deregulation. "Having it cheaper to fly and cheaper to make a longdistance call helps keep families together," Mr. Quayle said at the news conference, But of course. Nice to have the thing pinned down. If they had deregolated the phones in Gomonrah, you probably never would have had all that ... well, never mind.

tion Tuesday that Bill Clinton had "waffled" and "wavered" on the use of force against whatever two-week period that was, he cam-Iraq, the implication being that Mr. Clinton could not be trusted with the security of

The administration says that there is noth-

ing whatever in the agreement to induce American companies to move plants or jobs to Mexico and much to encourage them to stay home. But Mr. Gephardt, responding to the anxieties he describes, declares that it is not enough to see that the present labor and environmental standards are preserved. He wants to use the agreement to strengthen and extend them. He calls the present trading relationship with Mexico "unacceptable,"

decisions on it until well into next year, long after the election and Inauguration Day. In the meantime, there is a real danger that this useful but limited agreement is being loaded, by both its supporters and its critics, with more political freight than it can carry.

The Republicans spent four days in Houston portraying themselves as the party of "family values" and the Democrats as the party of Sodom and Gomorrah. You rememparty of Sodom and Gomorrah. You remem-ber the show, it got pretty nasty at times. There was Parrick Buchanan saying that "there is a religious war going on for the soul around). But constancy this year is like the central issue of the economy — not an issue that George Bush profits from. All year the Bush campaign has been holding out issues and themes, one after the other, each as the most important and defining issue or theme of the year, and then as quickly withdrawing political history." There was Dan Quayle saying that "Americans try to raise their children to understand right and wrong, only them when they do not work as intended or test out in the polls. The president and his to be told that every so-called lifestyle alternative is morally equivalent." "That is wrong," he bravely added. Told by whom? people have put the messages out and pulled them back as if both the ideas and the voters to whom they were addressed were yo-yos. Last winter when Mr. Bush was being

challenged in the New Hampshire primary you thought he meant. The same Mr. Quayle by Mr. Buchanan, the party line was that the and his managers, having beamed their mespolicy or the economy, but were a matter only of faulty communications and misperception of his concern for the people. "Message: I care," Mr. Bush announced, When that failed to rouse the party core, he renounced the 1990 budget agreement (and tax increase) that he had earlier stoutly defended and that he had achieved in turn only by renouncing his 1988 no-new-taxes campaign promise. The double recautation having done what good it could, he next presented himself as the candidate of change, even though he had been president for four years and vice president for eight before that.

When change didn't quite do the job he took to asking, whom can you trust when the phone rings in the middle of the night? Then came the family values extravaganza in Houston. It may be, as Mr. Quayle says, that people misunderstood what that was about, but wasn't it George Bush who went to Georgia after the convention to chastise the Democrats for having left the word "God" out of their platform? That apparently didn't work either (bad polls).

So even the Almighty has been benched, at ad all that ... well, never mind.

The president told a B'nai B'nith convenan issue is also being reconfigured. We'll say this: Mr. Bush was on the mark when, for paigned as the candidate of change.

-THE WASHINGTON POST.

# Trashing the Tax Truth

When President George Bush keeps in-sisting that Governor Bill Clinton of Ar-requirement, he lost. kansas has raised taxes and fees 128 times, he knows be is falsifying the record. He hurden in Arkansas has hardly changed at kansas has raised taxes and fees 128 times, a hig taxer that he is willing to trash and local taxes equaled 9.5 percent of total the truth over trivia. But he jcopardizes

more than credibility. The number of tax increases during a governor's administration simply does not matter. What matters is the reason for any increases or cuts and, at bottom, the burden on taxpayers. Arkansas was a relatively low-tax state when Mr. Clinton became governor 12 years ago, and still is.

Mr. Bush has seized on a gimmick that has a ring of truth to it but is, in fact, a misrepresentation. Exactly 128 tax and fee increases, he says, brandishing an amazing-ly sloppy list his staff asserts came from

official Arkansas legislative records.

The list is endlessly misleading. It includes dozens of fee increases, not usually counted as tax increases, and it ignores tax reductions. But that is the very nature of this shabby tactic. In this case, the idea seems to be to plant in voters' minds the impression of many increases.

Mr. Clinton's record on taxes is, not surprisingly, by no means the horror that is implied. There have been two increases in the state sales tax during the Clinton years, both carmarked for education, and three in the

gasoline tax, earmarked for highways.

The state legislature has rejected several Clinton proposals for higher personal and corporate income taxes, which would make the tax structure more progressive and more open to growth. The state constitution requires three-fourths majorities to raise income taxes, but only simple majorities to raise the sales tax. When Governor

seems so eager to smear his opponent as all in the Clinton years. Revenue from state personal income in 1980, and 9.6 percent in 1990, the latest figure available. The national average is almost 11.5 percent. The president would be wise to forget his

list of 128 and turn instead to newer, truer numbers, starting with those released not long ago by the Census Bureau: In the last year, 2.1 million more people have sunk below the poverty line.

- THE NEW YORK TIMES.

#### Other Comment

#### An Infection in Germany

Let us remember that at the end of the 1920s and the beginning of the 1930s, with the appearance of the oppressor Adolf Hitler, of accursed memory, there were those who took lightly his words of hatred. The results are known. Therefore one must not take lightly what is happening today in Germany — and the sooner this infectiou

is removed from the living body of united Germany, the better This duty falls primarily on the Bonn government, but the free world has no less a duty to warn against the revival of Nazism in Germany, especially when has an effect on other countries in the free world. It is the right of the Jews more than other nations to firmly demand that the German government uproot neo-

Nazism from the body of Germany. - Hazzofe (Tel Aviv).

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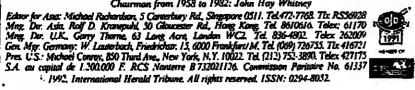
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# Honecker's Error and the German Identity

WASHINGTON — Erich Honecker's rapid descent from VTP guest villa in Bonn to a prison cell in Berlin results from changed circumstances, not changed behavior. The former East German leader will soon go on trial for deeds that were overlooked by his captors when they

hosted him lavishly five years ago.

In that sense, Mr. Honecker will be tried for having lost the Cold War — the only national leader in the ex-Soviet empire to face that fate in a Western court. That political spin makes his impending court case a legal quagmire. But it is a

His trial may help answer Europe's most important existential question: What is Germany?

quagmire worth entering. The trial may help answer Europe's most important existential

question: What is Germany? As he sits in Moabit prison, Mr. Honecker can hardly escape thinking about the statesman's welcome he received on Sept. 7, 1987, in Bonn. The rolling out of red carpets represented "a major milestone" in Mr. Honecker's unrelenting efforts to win economic and diplomatic help for his Communist regime, newspapers said.

The memories of that visit still animated the

wiry, resolute party boss on a June morning two years later in East Berlin, when he defended to me his regime's imprisonment of the East German population behind the notorious Wall. He scoffed at my suggestion that German unifica-tion was a timely topic: "It is a fireside dream." His reception in Bonn had proved that.

Mr. Honecker seems not to have changed a whit since, despite the collapse of communism. Emerging from the sanctuary of the Chilean Embassy in Moscow early last month, after Boris Yeltsin's government decided to send him back "home," Mr. Honecker gave the militant clenched fist salute and again refused to apolo-

gize for anything.
On Sept. 3, in the united Germany he could never imagine, a Berlin court ruled that Mr. Honecker must stand trial on 49 counts of manslaughter. His lawyers argued that at 80 and suffering from cancer, he could not survive the trial, now set to begin late next month.

Mr. Houecker will be in the dock for presiding over the shoot-on-sight policy that cost the lives of at least 190 would-be defectors at or near the Berlin Wall. Prosecutors have found no By Jim Hoagland

trace of written orders signed by Mr. Honecker. Their case will rest on the question of legal responsibility for policies that were known and demonstrable at the time the Bonn government, for political reasons of its own, treated Mr.

Now he is treated as a hostage-taker who has put down the gun he held at the heads of 16 million East Germans. The contrast illuminates the questions at the center of German identity. It is hard to imagine a Frenchman asking what France is. France is defined by territory, boundaries, the land itself. Germans exist as a Volk, a people whose national existence is not defined by fixed boundaries. Germany exists where the Volk

Honecker as an honored guest.

live. It is a living, mutable identity, in which memory and forgetting play an enormous role. My conversation with Mr. Honecker and his from denials of reality throughout the interview made one think of Nictzsche's observation that man's pride eventually subdues man's memory.

Memory's admission that "I have done that"
gradually yields to the claim of pride that "I
could not have done that." If a nation's memory fails, pride will dominate its politics and history.

This is why the Honecker case concerns much more than revenge or the opportunism of victors. It is an important way to desacralize a certain

image of East Germany that could take root again if false nostalgia prevails over memory. Before the Soviet collapse, it was commonly said that East Germany was the "real" Germany. Under the veneer of Communist rule lay the core of Prussian values and ethics that created the German empire a century ago. One argument against unification was that the philistine consumer culture of the Americanized West would overwhelm the more egalitarian values of the East.

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The Polls

By Seymour Martin Lipset

F AIRFAX, Virginia — Recent

American opinion polls have produced drastically different results.

in surveys taken from Aug. 26 to Aug. 31, the gap separating Governor Bill Chinton and President George

Bush ranged from 19 points in a Washington Post/ABC News poll to

How can we explain a 14-point

The most probable cause is that the

difference in surveys conducted as

polls are samples of different popula-

tions. The surveys for The Washington Post/ABC News, The New York Times/CBS News, the Los Angeles

Times, the Wall Street Journal/NBC News and CNN/USA Today all re-

ported on the views of people who

say they are registered voters. The polls prepared by Time-CNN and Harris are of "likely voters."

The two groups are not the same.

The sample of registered voters is based on people who tell interviewers they are on the voters' lists. According to studies done by the Census

Bureau, only two-thirds of Ameri-

cans of voting age, 66.6 percent, were registered in 1988, the last presiden-

tial election year. It is likely, however, that up to three quarters of people

surveyed said they were registered.

Why accuse a small segment of the population of lying? Well, in surveys

of actual voter participation, the Census Bureau often finds a larger

number of people reporting they voted than actually did. In 1988, 50

percent of people of voting age cast presidential ballots, while 57 percent said they did. Some Americans feel

guilty when they shirk their civie duty

and thus are prone to fin about whether they voted and, probably, whether they have registered.

Likely voters are those whom pollsters estimate will actually vote in

November based on a number of

screening questions about voting his-tory and interest in politics. All the

polls eventually project from a sam-

ple of the likely voters. But most

polling organizations do not search out these people until October. Until

then, it is easier and less expensive

simply to poll people who say they

are registered.

Why do these different polling

practices make such a difference?

The reason is simple: Nonvoters dif-

fer from committed voters in social

characteristics and political views.

Nonvoters are more likely to be poor,

minority, immigrant and less educat-ed. They are also younger. These characteristics describe important

Democratic constituencies in 1992.

Hence, surveys of self-described reg-istered voters, close to one-third of

whom ultimately will not vote, are

bound to exaggerate the potential

One significant prediction follows from this. Expect a sizable increase in the support for President Bush when

the pollsters start to screen intensive-

out probable nonvoters does not

eliminate the chances for error.

Growing numbers of Americans are

refusing to be interviewed by poll-

sters. Survey organizations rarely

provide full statistics on this, but per-

haps 40 percent or more of those initially selected are not interviewed,

to reach, or substitute, for the ab-

stainers, and this can skew results.

any two samples, no matter how com-

Of course, the problem of weeding

ly for likely voters next month.

vote for Bill Clinton.

5 points in a Louis Harris poll.

the same time?

Highlighting the crimes of the Honecker era in an impartial courtroom will help show how misplaced were the claims of moral superiority for a society that lived under fascist and Communist rule for 58 years and never confronted the Nazi past as honestly as West Germans did. The same cold shower of reality comes from the race riots that have shaken Rostock. Those who lived under Mr. Honecker's "Prussian" rule have firebombed immigrant shelters in front of passive onlookers.

Mr. Honecker was mistaken in thinking unifi-

cation could never happen. It would be wrong as well for us to think that unification has already happened. Unification turns out to be a long,

difficult and in some ways painful process of shaping yet another German identity.

Far from being a leftover detail from the Cold War, the Honecker trial is an important moment for the future of Germany.



# The Romanians Still Wait for a Western Embrace

By Flora Lewis

DUCHAREST — Romania, like the rest of Eastern Europe, is looking achingly to the West. There is such urgency in the feeling that two weeks before presidential and parliamentary elections the major candidates have left the hustings, one to visit the United States and Germany, the other, France,

Spain and Italy.

But the West is not opening its arms wide. Indeed, Romanians feel they are being discriminated against in favor of Poland, Czechoslovakia and Hungary. It is true to some extent, because reforms started late with tremendous obstacles. But in old Romanian tradition, there is a tendency to ascribe it to some kind

The frightening explosion of Yugoslavia next door does not seem to have encouraged understanding of the need to cooperate with neighbors, but rather to sharpen rivalries, particularly with Hungary, which is acutely sensitive to the grievances of the large Hungarian minority. Yu-goslavia is more than a tragedy, it is a warning about where rising na-tionalism in the East can lead.

There is not the kind of effective leadership anywhere in the East to turn this around and draw the lesson

of what really underlay Western Europe's great success - regional rec-onciliation and mutual trade. Instead, each country is trying to elbow others aside for Western favor. This is bad for all their economies, and bad for general European security.

The impetes will have to come from Western institutions. The most urgent is to revive trade. All these countries suffered huge production losses with the collapse of East-East trade, and none is likely to find Western markets opening fast enough to make up for it.

Romanian production, for example, is down 30 percent from 1989. East trade, which was half of the total, is down 5 to 10 percent. Some say the drop in output is bottoming out and will reverse next year, par-ticularly if the priority on agriculture is carried out fruitfully. A million tons of wheat had to be

imported this year after collectives were dissolved and land distributed, with the usual lack of facilities for new independent farmers. The loss could be quickly turned around if current plans are pushed through. But while there are hungry markets nearby, they too have no money.

A key factor in Western Europe's. revival after World War II, when nobody had much convertible cash, was the payments union set up under the Marshall Plan. Eastern Europe badly needs a payments union now, preferably under the sponsorship of the Enropean Reconstruction and Development Bank, which could make its funds go a lot further this way than by just doling them out one

country at a time.

So far, the idea had gotten nowhere, primarily because of what one Romanian minister called the Easterners' "allergy" to one anothcr. Antagonism to anything that smacks of reversion to the Sovietenforced Comecon system is understandable. But it will be a long time before new investment and efficiency will bring them up to world competitive standards. Mcanwhile, factories are shutting down and unemployment rising,

One nefarious effect shows up in the rising argument about whether it is possible to go for the market and democracy at the same time. A the East, and unless they are rekindisconcerting number of people died, social, political and possibly said "no" at the large meeting of the military dangers will rise. United Nations Development Pro-

gram just concluded here, a dark shadow on hopes that the fragile democracies can be consolidated.

But slowing down reforms will only make the process more diffi-cult and doubtful. Caught in the gloomy trough that followed the cophonia of ousting communism, leaders are beginning to see that, after all, their countries may gain more by restoring some trade patterns if outside funds provide essential credit. The European recon-struction bank will fini less resistance now if it pushes the idea again, firmly, as a condition for some kinds of help.

There has to be a transition, and it should be made clear that this is a transitional measure, to be gradually diminished with a fixed deadline. Provision could be made that part of the profits of preferential trade must begin to produce competitive, quality goods. Experts say \$100 million to \$200 million could get an Eastern payments system working. The return would be more than increased production. Hopes are dwindling in the East, and unless they are rekin-

#### O Flora Lewis

# 'Jobs, Jobs,' He Says, as the Numbers Decline

WASHINGTON — For months, optimists in the business community, especially those who fear a Clinton presidency, have been going through a process of denial about the

through a process of occura about the state of the economy, hoping for a ray of sunshine among the bad statistics. But last week they were confronted with a frightening indicator that can-not be ignored: Employers in the private economy cut their payrolls in August by a shocking 167,000 jobs. With few exceptions, economists

who advise corporate leaders had been saying that there would be no private job loss in August, because a slow and steady recovery was under way. In fact, the economy is so shaky that companies continue to slash jobs
— cutting costs in a desperate effort
to maintain profits.

A Hard Landing Ahead

By Admiral Elliott Bowman Strauss

WASHINGTON — Interest rates, the weak dollar, the Federal Reserve Board's fine-tuning, the Clinton plan and the Bush plan (or the alleged lack of one) are only peripheral issues. The economic difficulties of the United

States have one cause: For 50 years, and with great acceleration during the last 20, the public has demanded that the government provide services, handouts and subsidies that Americans have been unwilling to pay for.

Service of the U.S. debt is now the third-largest item in the national budget, after social services and defense; in 1993 it will probably pass defense. Frightenmely the raible every unwilling to correct this course.

ingly, the public seems unwilling to correct this course.

When Senator Pete Domenici, Republican of New Mexico, offered a plan

for cutting the deficit, the National Council for Senior Citizens dubbed it the

most outrageous attack on the elderly we have seen in years." Milk producers accused Mr. Domenici of trying to balance the budget "on the backs of

farmers." The Veterans of Foreign Wars expressed shock and dismay. More than 3,000 of Mr. Domenici's New Mexico constituents sent in identical

postcards opposing cuts in entitlement programs.

Americans have been on a 50-year fiscal drunk; they seem to believe that

there is some way to come out of it that will not be painful. There is not, If the

John Maynard Keynes opined that a government, in times of depression, should run delicit budgets, but that when the economic weather cleared those deficits should be paid off. But Roosevelt's social programs became so popular that for half a century Americans followed the first half of the Keynes

injunction as if it were holy writ but turned a deaf ear to the second half.

America's economic ills are not the creation of Ronald Reagan or George Bush, or even the Congress, except insofar as Americans — taxpayers and

voters — elect those members of Congress who will give them what they demand without requiring that it be paid for. Can Americans reverse this descent before the hard landing ahead?

The writer, a retired U.S. admiral, has been an author and economic develop-

ment consultant. He contributed this comment to the Herald Tribune.

budget is to be balanced, it will be on the backs of everyone.

most as if he were an outsider, not

Hunter, chief economist of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States. There are no new businesses starting, and existing husinesses aren't expanding. The economy can't grow and produce jobs from cost-

By Hobart Rowen

cutting only."

That is a simple fact of business life that the Bush administration, even with James Baker's closer involvement, does not seem to understand. On the campaign trail over the week-end, Mr. Bush said, "We need to cut taxes a little, cut spending a little, and get this economy moving again."
Such simplistic generalities — al-

president — suggest that Mr. Bush is out of touch with reality. Moves like his bold handouts for "But there's only so much that cost-cutting can do," said Lawrence battered South Florida and new sub-

sidies for grain farmers in the North-west have been patently political. Mr. Bush is still under pressure

Mr. Bush is still under pressure from Republican conservatives to order Treasury Secretary Nicholas Brady to index capital gains to take account of inflation. By doing so, proponents of the idea argue, Mr. Bush would unlock capital now "frozen," and capital would flow into new enterprises and generate jobs. Last week, Mr. Bush appeared to have ac-cepted a Justice Department ruling that he has no power to do this by himself. But the desperate straits of the economy, and what they mean for Republicans in November, could lead him to reverse that stance.

Mr. Clinton's economic recovery program has many incentives for investment, including capital gains relief for small manufacturers. But he re-

for small manufacturers. But he remains strongly opposed to Mr. Bush's inderation plan as a "shorpm approach" to "give rich people more money," as one adviser said.

What Mr. Bush has to do is to think of the problem of the economy in terms of jobs. The president will often prattle on about "jobs, jobs, jobs." But there is nothing to suggest that he makes the connection with real people and the real problem. real people and the real problem.

The jobs situation will get much worse before it gets better, economists say. "We are going through a productivity recovery," Anthony Carnevale of the American Society for Training and Development said in a Public Radio discussion. "One worker using new technology replaces five." As Fortune magazine put it recent-

"The Great American job machine ... is shifting gears — down-ward. Solid middle-class jobs, the kind that allow a single worker to be the family breadwinner, have been disappearing in record numbers, and

not by lower-wage jobs ... "

A new report by Lawrence Mishel and Jared Bernstein for the liberal Economic Policy Institute supports such gloomy conclusions: Even before the corrent recession, nearly all groups in the country — including women and white-collar workers were being hit by falling wages and lower living standards.

are being replaced more often than

PARIS - In at least one respect the

nomic Committee shows that a typical 30-year-old male with a high school education earned about \$3,500 less in 1989 than be did in 1979, in real spending power.

This week, to tackle the special weaknesses in the manufacturing side of the economy, Mr. Clinton elaborated on some ideas advanced in his original recovery program, including a plan for 170 new Manufacturing Extension Centers to make existing technical knowledge available to small companies, which produce the greatest number of new jobs. The idea is to do for manufacturing what the widely acclaimed farm-extension services do for agri-culture. The manufacturing extension service looks to be a useful and innovative plan. But Mr. Clinton also embraced a new and tougher trade policy that seems close to objectionable - restrictive tactics favored by the unions and hy Representative Richard Gephardt, Democrat of Missouri. More on the Clinton program in a later column.

The Washington Post.

often because they are not at home, but frequently because they refuse. The politakers differ in their efforts Moreover, an interviewer's techniques and hackground — linguistie abilities and accent — can affect re-sponses. The order in which the presi-dential question is asked can also change the outcome. And, of course,

> parable the procedures, will produce a somewhat different outcome. How do most polls come so close to the results of the elections, given the sources of error or difference? Some do not, as British polls demonstrated this year when they predicted a victory for the Labor Party. But, in the United States, surveys taken just before the carefully and with a large sample.
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> In any case, keep reading the polls.
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> They should tell you something about the direction the electorate is

going, and how it divides along lines of age, gender, religion, race and social class. Of course, as Labor's Neil Kinnock learned in May, polls are no substitute for the electi-The writer, professor of public poli-cy at George Mason University, is co-editor of the International Journal for Public Opinion Research. He contributed this comment to The New

## IN OUR PAGES: 100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO

1892: Tension in Europe

PARIS - Relations between French and Belgian workmen are daily becoming more strained. Not only have blows been exchanged between the miners of both countries on French soil, but disputes have arisen on Belgian territory far from mining districts. It is natural that the respective Governments should be uneasy and that diplomatic notes should have been exchanged. Struggles which threaten to bring a rupture between the two countries cannot be allowed.

1917: Socialist 'Noise'

French Socialists are like the Irish Nationalists. They are against the Government on principle. They don't quite know what they want, but they do know that they want it badly, and roups in the country — including round and white-collar workers — that they won't be happy till they get it — perhaps not even then. They are only a minority in the Parliament and a divided minority; but like the Na-

nionalists, they make up in noise and obstreperousness for what they lack in numerical strength.

1942: An Aviatrix Unit

WASHINGTON - [From our New York edition: The formation of a unit of 40 to 50 women pilots to fly for the Army Air Transport Command with Mrs. Nancy Harkness Love as their commander was announced today [Sept. 10] by Henry L. Stimson, Secretary of War. Mrs. Love is 28 years old and the wife of Lieutenant Coloral Robert M. Love deputy which of nel Robert M. Love, deputy chief of staff of the Air Transport Command. She has held a commercial pilot's license since 1933, and has been in the operations department of the Command since March, Mr. Stimson referred to "the development of, I shall not say our man power, but of our man and woman power. There are to be appointed a number of skilled women pilots to relieve the men pilots to expand the work of the Air Transport Command."



To Skew

### **OPINION**

# An Impeachable Offense? Evidence in a 1989 Memo

By William Safire

WASHINGTON — Did the Bush administration, eager to build up Saddam Hussein, interfere in the Atlanta U.S. attorney's investigation of Iraq's corruption of the Department of Agriculture? Has the attorney general committed an impeachable offense in refusing to permit a special prosecutor to investigate obstruction of justice, as

Congress requested?
A memn dated Oct. 26, 1989, suggests the answer to both questions is yes.

The damning memo is to Secretary of State James Baker from John Kelly, head of the State Department's Near

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East bureau, and Abraham Sofaer, then legal counsel. The issue for deci-

then legal counsel. The issue for decision was whether to push for \$1 billion of U.S. grain credits to Iraq despite growing knowledge that Iraqi officials were breaking U.S. laws.

"Earlier this mouth, the president signed NSD-26," Mr. Baker was reminded, "mandating pursuit of improved economic and political ties with Iraq." Although Treasury and the Federal Reserve opposed granting further credits to nearbankrupt Iraq. "Our ability to influence Iraqi policies... will be heavily influ-Iraqi policies . . will be heavily influenced by the outcome of the Commodity

Credit Corp. negotiations."

The idea was to pervert the grain credits program, which was set up to help U.S. farmers, and turn it into a backdoor foreign aid source, contrary to the will of Congress.

How to accomplish this, as it was becoming known that Saddam was stealing Washington blind? "... to wall off an FY90 CCC program from the BNL investigation," goes the recom-mendation to Mr. Baker (referring to the 1990 fiscal year, the Commodity Credit Corp. and the Atlanta branch of Banca Nazionale del Lavoro), get an Iraqi promise to "cooperate" in an investiga-tinn and to say it won't corruptly handle the new money. In the blank space next to "approve" are the initials "JAB III."

To do that, however, State's legal counsel — denominated "L" in the memo — first had to find out if any Iraqi officials were likely to be prose-cuted as criminals. "L has spoken with U.S. Department of Agriculture and independently with the U.S. Attorney's office in Atlanta."

Iraqgate buffs will recall the objections raised in Congress to evidence that the White House legal commed had at least twice called the assistant U.S. attorney in Atlanta. In rejecting any suggestion that repeated expressions of interest from the White House constituted undue interference in a criminal

Decline

investigation, Attorney General William Barr's apologia stated that "the words used in the calls did not include any attempt to influence or interfere," therefore "no interference occurred."

President George Rush's lawyer claimed be was "seeking only publicly available information." If that were true, a computer search could have been made at the touch of a button. Now we have new evidence of Mr. Baker's State Department lawyer calling the Atlanta prosecutor a month before. Did the attorney general, with the vast resources of the FBL discover this in his investigation? No; the Crimi-nal Division's assignment was to find

The real purpose of this improper call from Mr. Baker's lawyer was to discover prosecutorial intent. This can be deduced from the "talking points" attached to the Oct. 26 memo, advising Mr. Baker how to persuade Agriculture Secretary Clayton Yeutter to forget his

fiduciary responsibility and get with the backdoor aid program.

"Our information about the investigation," goes this script for Mr. Baker's call, "indicates that the prosecutor does not now intend to indict Iraqi officials." How's that for knowing pro secutorial intent — and for using the inside information corruptly?
Mr. Yentter's roundheded reply is

recorded in Mr. Baker's handwriting on that same point sheet: "10/31 CY [Clayton Yeutter]: 'I think we're seeing it the same way your guys are. I'll get into it.' JAB III."

The former counsel, Mr. Sofaer, says he did not make the Atlanta call and is unfamiliar with the memo, but thinks State has a written procedure for contacting prosecutors. (He is wrong.) State's lawyers, Alan Kreczko and Ted Borek, have dived under desks. Justice has never interviewed them and says it knows of no procedures to limit calls to U.S. attorneys: nn holds Barred. The chairman of the House Judiciary

Committee, Jack Brooks, Democrat of Texas, is wimping out in the face of this stonewalling. The Banking Committee chairman, Henry Gonzalez, Democrat of Texas, is preparing to answer the attorney general's defiance with a hill of impeachment.

If elected, would Bill Clinton favor a special Iraquate prosecutor? Answer: "Yes."

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#### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Rostock: A Bill Comes Due In response to the news analysis "Riots

Shake German Politics" (Sept. 2): Although nearly 8 percent of Germany's population has foreign citizenship, many of its leading politicians, particularly those in the center-right governing coalition, ritually refuse to acknowledge publicly that Germany has any immigrants. The reason for this stance is clear: to preserve the fiction of Germa-

ny's ethnic "purity."

Would-be immigrants must apply for political asylum to have any chance of entering the country, other than as tourists. Thus, they are easily branded as "abusers" of Germany's uniquely gener-ous law on political asylum. Conservative politicians have been making hay with this ploy for a long time. In Rostock, the bill finally came due.

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#### A Jet Sale and a Promise

The United States has a propensity to forget its promise to maintain the bal-ance between Israel and the Arab world. President George Bush is deciding whether to provide enhanced F-15s, the most powerful aircraft ever sold to a

foreign country, to Saudi Arabia, a country still officially at war with Israel.

Can the United States prevent the Saudis from allowing Syria, Iraq, Iran and others from obtaining plans of the F-15s, which would enable these encircles of them to be a state of the saudis from the saudis of the F-15s. mies of Israel to bolster their own mili-tary force? Will the United States be able to prevent Saudi defectors from landing in other countries of the Middle East with these planes? Would the United States be ready to sell these enhanced planes to Israel, as well?

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#### Differing Views in Japan Sheila K. Johnson's article "Japan Can

Lift the Weight of Apologies Left Un-said" (Opinion, Sept. 1) seems in overem-phasize cultural differences between the United States and Japan. From inside this politically divided country, it is fairly clear to me that the issue of the emperor's apology for Japan's wartime atrocities in China is influenced more by differences

If one understands that in Japan there are two diametrically opposed views on the Japanese role in World War II, associated with two politically powerful forces in the Diet, then he or she can also figure out, without any complex cultural or anthropological explanation, why it has taken so long for Japan to decide on has taken so long for Japan to decade on whether or not to send personnel to the Gulf, approve a peacekeeping bill or apologize for atrocities committed during the Pacific war.

Unfortunately, Japan has not resolved the issue of its defeat in World War II. The rightist view, held by many theself hypercratic Party politicians is

Liberal Democratic Party politicians, is that of Japan as the "liberator," while the leftist view, embraced by those associated with the centrist Komeito. Social-travel thousands of miles "to have a

tempt in control Korea and China as at least benign in intention if not in deed. In this view, Japan was not wrong and therefore there is no reason to apologize. MASANOBU TANIGUCHI.

rightist opinion regards the Japanese at-

#### A Match Too Soon?

In response to "Message of a Rugby Match" (Other Comment, Aug. 19): Your editorial excerpt from The Dominion of Wellington might encourage those who read it and know what kind of game rugby is to think that New Zealand is a country with idyllic relationships be-

tween white and brown (Maoris and Samoans, plus other Polynesians, Melanesians, and the white population descended, in the main, from white set-tlers who arrived in New Zealand in the early decades of the 19th century). "If people of all races can play rugby together they certainly can work and live

together," the editorial says. Even if this were entirely true of New Zealand, and it is not, it is futile to maintain that a childish game like rugby can bring about a revolutionary change in racial harmony in South Africa. Some white Boer-descended people of

South Africa are still segregating ill-treating, imprisoning and killing the black people of their country. That my fellow New Zealanders should, once again, after an interval of abstention, ist and Communist parties, denounces game" when they know how abysmally wartime Japan as the aggressor. Most and wickedly white South Africans have

failed to grant equality to people of all colors is a disgrace and a serious disap-

pointment for all those New Zealanders

who have wanted to help restore humane treatment for all people in South Africa.

#### A Word for the Economy

Regarding "Brother, Can You Spare an Economic Moniker," Everyone Agrees Times Are Tough, but Few Ready to Cry 'Depression' " (Sept. 9):

I would suggest that the word or term being sought is "structation." It signifies the bottom of the trough of twn peaks, whereby the world economy is subject to radical phase changes. This is due, in part, to generic technologies, obsolescent economic policies, new employ-ment needs and where the fundamental socioeconomic infrastructure (both hard and soft) has not yet accommodated tn changes required or implied.

The infrastructure (especially the soft part, viz. "politics") always lags. As the new structure is put in place, the comparative advantages of nations and trading blocs alter (as do internal social cohorts, for example, blue-collar workers).

In another decade or so, the present lopsided triadic power of wurld trade (United States / EC / Japan) will be transformed into quadric-power (United States / EC (enlarged) / Japan / Commonwealth of Independent States / Eastern Europe). Thus the triangle will be squared.

THOMAS G. WHISTON. Sussex, England.

# Pull a Lever for Salvation: Mark Twain Would Love It

Mark Twain would have relished the

ongoing tussle for the nation's political soul. The religious right appropriates the deity as a registered Republican privi-

leged to share the wisdom of Richard

Nixon, Spiro Agnew and Ronald Reagan. President George Bush accused the Democrats of ignoring God altogether.

while his vice president appears to be standing at Armageddon, battling for the Lord against the single-parent Chil-

On the other hand, squads of promi-

nent elergymen denounce as blasphemy, presumption, spiritual vulgarity and voodoo theology the suggestion that a new Republican administration will

be the temporal equivalent of the King-

dom of God and wee to those who fail to make the final cut on family and

By Justin Kaplan

AMBRIDGE, Massachusetts -Some background on the mottn "In God We Trust" may be useful in judging the current debate over the role of the deity in American party politics.

Now imprinted on all American coins and bills and supplanting "E Pluribus

#### MEANWHILE

Unum" as the official national motto. "In God We Trust" first appeared on a bronze two-cent piece near the end of the Civil War. It was authorized, in response to public sentiment, by Salmon P. Chase, Abraham Lincoln's secretary

of the Treasury.

"It is simple, direct, gracefully phrased," Mark Twain commented on this motto in 1906. "It always sounds well— In God We Trust. I don't believe it would sound any better if it were true."

The fact was, he said, "If this nation has ever trusted in God, that time has

religious values.

What prompted Mark Twain's reflec-tions on "In God We Trust" was one of President Theodore Roosevelt's characgone by: for nearly half a century its teristically convulsive (and ultimately reentire trust has been in the Republicar Party and the dollar — mainly the dollar."

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versible) announcements. He said he planned to remove the words from currency because coins and bills inscribed with them often went into unboly places like gin mills, horse parlors, bordellos and Democratic Party war chests. A delegation of outraged clergymen, according to Twain, immediately "put up a prodigious assertion unbacked by any

quoted statistics and passed it unammously in the form of a resolution: the assertion, to wit, that this is a Christian country." Therefore, the motto stood.

One can imagine how this went over with Twain, who believed that in status and influence the clergy yielded about as much usable light as the moon. He also scoffed at the orthodox notion of heaven because in place of sexual intercourse it featured psalm-singing and harp-pluck-ing, neither of which any normal person uld abide in unbroken doses.

If the United States is, indeed, "a Christian country," he reasoned, then,

Those clergymen," he continued, "know that, inasmuch as Strait is the way and narrow is the gate and few - few are they that enter in thereat has had the natural effect of making hell the only really prominent Christian community in any of the worlds; but we don't brag of this and certainly it is not proper to brag and boast that America is a Christian country when we all know that certainly five-sixths of our population could not enter in at the narrow gate,"

For at least five-sixths of the electorate whose salvation will be in the balance in November, this should be a chastening thought.

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# The key know-how.



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By Joan Dupont

ARIS — Director Pavel Lungin, sit-ting in his Paris apartment, announces that the party is over. He is talking about the euphoria in Moscow after the failure of last year's putsch: He is also talking about the giddy period in the Soviet film industry that ended after the collapse of the empire, the profusion of B movies made on laundered money. Funding is tight these days and new Russian cinema seems to be made in France.

Prize-winning filmmakers like Lungin and Vitali Kanevski, another recent Paris resident, live between two lands, yet they are as far apart as if they had nothing in common. Indeed, each belongs to a different culture. Lungin is from the Moscow intelligentsia; he studied mathematics and linguistics before writing, then directing for the screen. Kan-evski grew up near Vladivostok in the east-ern reaches of Siberia, next door to Japanese POW camps, a neighborhood rife with pros-titution, murder and theft; he has served time in prison.

Both directors attracted worldwide attention in 1990: "Taxi Blues" won the best director award for Lungin at the Cannes Film Festival, where Kanevski's "Freeze, Die, and Resuscitate" won the award for best first film. This year they were back with new films, the films of young men — although they are no longer young — about coming of age in a world of chaos. Lungin's "Luna Park," opening next week in France, is an explosive account of Moscow street. gangs; Kanevski's "An Independent Life" (to be released later this month), a sequel to his film autobiography, is a rare view of Siberia in the 1950s.

"I try to talk about eternal things, human things, in the language of new cinema," says Lungin. "I hate elitist cinema: I used to belong to an elite. After spending six months promoting 'Taxi Blues,' living the life of a high-class whore in huxury hotels all over the world, I got back to Russia and I was frightened by what I saw. Things had gone farther than I imagined. There was this incredible rise of nationalism -hatred was rampant on the streets - mafia wars between the Ukrainians, the Russians, the Georgians."

"Luna Park," written before the putsch, is constructed like a modern myth: The muscular young hero belongs to a homosexual-baiting, lew-bashing gang until his life is changed by the discovery that his father is Jewish. "I used this conflict of the Russian Jew because I'm a Russian Jew, but I could have made a film about an Armenian, an

The street toughs of "Luna Park" flex their muscles, ride their bikes, and call themselves The Clean-Up Squad. Lungin found Andrei Gutine, his actor, in a gym: "Moscow is full of these cellars where kids do karate or boxing. This generation feels betrayed. They want revenge on their parents. They only believe in brute force; words are no good,

they communicate in animal roars. "We live in a new jungle. Before, we lived in a big gulag, well protected: Life was orderly, fear immense, but we lived in peace — Armenians, Azerbaijanis, Georgians. Suddenly, we discovered that it was all held together by fear and without fear it all fell apart."

UNGIN'S background is literary and theatrical. His mother is a translator of Russian literature. During Stalin's anti-Semitic purges his father lost his job in the theater, and the family was poor overnight: "Every time there's change, Russia responds with xenophobia, anti-Semitism. Stalin's death stopped that and under Brezhnev and Khrushchev, anti-Semitism became a small shower, official but less harsh. Under perestroika you had to have your umbrella with you. Now everybody loves Israel, even the anti-Semites, because they want the Jews there and not in Russia. And now everybody is a royalist, as if Russia had been a paradise before those Jews and Freemasons started a revolution."

Lungin expects his film to raise an uproar when it opens in Moscow later this month. "It touches an open wound, revives old ques-tions: What does it mean to be Russian? How can we explain the poverty of our country? Should we become a democracy. just like any other country, or is Russia a mystical entity? Will Russia save the world

as Dostoyevski said?" Crime, corruption and racial violence were not news to Viraly Kanevski, but the stuff of his daily life and film chronicles. "My films are tough, but if I showed the truth, you wouldn't believe it," he says, "Where I come from, husbands hit their wives, wives chop their husbands' heads off, kids are badly beaten and people just laugh. I show normal life; I try to infuse artistic force, humor, along with the crudity and violence.

The director chose his settings and props; he did his own casting, discovering Pavel Nazarov, the teenager who plays in both his films, in the Moscow subway, part of a pack of lawless kids. When "An Independent Life" won the Jury Prize at Cannes this spring, Nazarov was in jail.

Kanevski's father was a violinist from a Polish Jewish family; he met his wife on tour in Siberia, settled there and died during the war. "My mother came from a simple background; she beat me a lot, I developed a tough hide, yet I was always attracted by art - I love the violin. When I was at school, I was struck by a painting by Bosch, stunned by his vision of humanity. And to think that we still live that same horror!"

He saw his first film, a documentary, when he was in the army and decided to go for the entrance exams to the Moscow film institute; his rebellious nature got him into trouble with authority and he was expelled several times. In his last year of school, he was arrested on a rape charge, which be claims was trumped up, and imprisoned for eight years.

"It was rough. The conditions and the climate were terrible. When I got out, I spent a lot of time trying to get warm. I took all kinds of jobs, but I wanted to stay in cinema."

Despite awards and recognition, Kanevs-ki's history sets him apart from other direc-tors. Lungin claims a kinship with Emir Kusturica and with David Lyuch, but the filmmaker from Siberia is so busy catching up with the rest of the world be hasn't had time to go to the mories. His hig discovery time to go to the movies. His big discovery, when he first came to France, was the num-ber of mirrors everywhere. He had never

"I saw myself. I wanted to he better, to look better - that's what cinema does. When I was in jail, I was worn down to the size of a small animal so I had to build myself up. Now I can direct my energy. But my life is the past. I never think of the future. I try, but I can't. I've never had a plan that worked. Why should the future belong to Russia? Just because we've suffered more?"

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Poster for Pavel Lungin's "Lima Park"; inset, director Vitali Kanevski (rear) with actor Pavel Nazarov.

# Minority Rights (Make That Lefts)

By Andrew H. Malcolm New York Times Service

ORT JEFFERSON, New York --All right, the re-education of America starts here left now. Everyone may be born right-handed. But only a small number of gifted and truly creative people — 10 to 15 percent, according to right-handed calculators - overcome that

malady to become lefties. Yet, American society, which requires that millions be spent to adjust public and private facilities for the sightless or those in wheelchairs, remains among the worst discriminators with barriers for a larger minority, lefties. (Later today, try pulling open a right-

handed door with your left hand.) Some barriers are inconvenient, even humorous; flies in men's trousers were definitely not designed by a lefty. Others can be dangerous; the cords on most irons or the moving parts on circular power saws and other machinery are menacing invitations to injury for southpaws. (One day a century ago, during what must have been a really gripping game of baseball, a Chicago sportswriter noticed that home plate was west of the pitcher's mound. The sportswriter fig-ured out that means left-handed pitchers stand with their throwing arm toward the south. That's the sort of amazing insight that

right-handers bring to their work.)

Anyway, this fall offers signs of change, thanks to Ross Perot, George Bush, Bill Clinton and John Diana. Two of these brilliant men did not announce their presidential candidacies. All four are left-handed (watch the waving hand). But so far, only one works to make an alien, awkward world more left-friendly.

IANA is a 52-year-old businessman who runs Left-Handed Solutions loc. on Long Island. He of-fers more left-handed parapher-nalia than you ever thought existed. How about left-handed potato peelers, grapefruit knives, spatulas, ladles, ice cream scoops and playing cards? Left-handed corkscrews (they go counterclockwise). A revengeful left-hand-ed coffee mug (it dribbles down the chin of right-handed drinkers). And, yes, there's a boomerang that returns to southpaws!

Diana is obviously a warm, intelligent fellow who without thinking selects a restau-rant table tended by a waiter named Eric Goldstein, obviously a warm, intelligent fellow who - oh, look! - is left-handed.

Diana's company has also published his new book (printed by a left-handed printer): "The Left-Hander's Guide and Reference Manual," a collection of facts, trivia and advice for playing golf, tennis, baseball or

"You want to know frustration," says Diana, "try translating golf instructions for lefties." Here's a better idea: a Digital Revolution. Let's see how northpaws like a little reverse discrimination, being sinister, gauche and left out.

Let's get the next president to sign (upside down, of course) a new Bill of Letts. It'll declare all right-handed people digitally incorrect, forcing them to endorse checks at the other end and use only left-handed baseball mitts, fishing reels and left-handed scissors. Unless they twist their fingers painfully, all they do is crimp the paper horribly. The whole class will laugh uproariously and the writing teacher will force them to letters the other way.

We'll sell tickets to watch right-handed people pour hot fat backwards from the spout of a left-handed frying pan while wearing a stove-mitten with the Tellon and thumb on the wrong side. The fat will go into a left-handed measuring cup with the print-

ing on the back.

For laughs, we'll move an automobile's

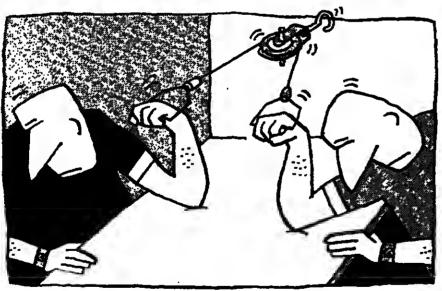
gearshift and radio to the left side. We'll watch right-handers tying and retying neckties left-handed. Then we'll time their pathetic attempts to

find names and words in address books and dictionaries with left-handed letter tabs. Maybe we'll publish a few backwards magazines for left-handed thumbing.

There'll be holidays celebrating the births of left-handed Presidents Harry Truman and Gerald Ford (never mind James A. Garfield). We'll have talk shows with lefthanded hosts like Jay Leno, David Letterman, Breut Musburger, Oprah Winfrey and Ted Koppel interviewing famous guests from Diana's list of lefties: Phil Collins, Glen Campbell, Joanne Woodward, Pelt, Dan Aykroyd, George Burns, Robert Red-ford, Bruce Willis, Goldie Hawn, Whoopi Goldberg and Julia Roberts.

Admiral Nelson, Clarence Darrow, Ben Franklin, W. C. Fields, Charlie Chaplin, Leonardo da Vinci, Michelangelo, Lewis Carroll, Napoléon, Alexander the Great, Queen Vic-tona and Cole Porter will be unable to appear. (And the Boston Strangler and Jack the Ripper have signed with that tabloid show.)

However, another lefty, General H. Norman Schwarzkopf, will explain Desert Storm's successful assault launched with a flanking sweep to the you-know-where.



# A Visit to 'Guernica's' New Home

ADRID - Spain's museum of modern art, the Reina Sofia Center of Art, Friday unveils its permanent collection along with a new hanging of Picasso's "Guernica, which was transferred amid much controversy from an annex of the Prado. The controversy is not going to end. What's in it for the

Now that "Guernica" has been hung, seemingly for good, in a special alcove of the Reina Solia Center, can you get a decent look

You step into the alcove for a more direct and intimate view of "Guernica" than when it hung in a ballroom at the Cason del Buen Retiro, the Prado annex. The painting's protective bulletproof glass now gives off less reflective glare as well

Yet Spain's largest daily, El País, worried that only a few dozen people at a time would be able to comfortably view the work in the alcove. That is a relative handful, given the role of "Guernica" as star attraction of the Reina Sofia's newly unveiled permanent col-

"Guernica," painted in 1937 after a fascist aerial attack during the Spanish Civil War, still has never been hung in the main building of the Prado along with the works of Velázquez and Goya, a desire Picasso made well

The painting was in the Museum of Mod-ern Art in New York from 1939 to 1981, when it returned to newly democratic Spain and spent a decade at the Prado armex.

to settle for temporary expositions while preparing for the day to unveil a permanent

The initial aim was to convey Spain's enormous contribution to 20th-century art. That meant exhibiting mainly Spanish artists in the galleries, especially for the period up to the 1960s. The scattered presence of foreigners - the odd work by Francis Bacon or Le Corbusier - occurs because the Reina Sofia began to collect modern art relatively late in an expensive market.

The bulk of the collection came from a predecessor contemporary art museum in

■ Well it had to happen, now that Mick Jagger and Eric Clapton and Paul McCartney are old old old, somebody in Seattle wants to build a museum to native son Jimi Hendrix. The project would be paid for by Paul Allen, who is one of the co-founders of Microsoft and so rich rich rich, and might include a re-creation of Hendrix's Electric Lady studio where visitors could use the equipment. If Jimi were around, he would be pushing 50 and, who knows, maybe into cybernetics. Excuse us while we kiss the sky.

The Reina Sofia museum, in a restored Madrid. It was only in the past few years, with the addition of "Guernica" and its preparatory sketches, and bequests or donations of important works by Dali, Miro and Gris that the collection started to generate real

> The museum now counts 10,500 paintings, sculptures and other works in the collection. The initial exhibition shows 365 pieces of the best work, nearly a third of it by Picasso. Dall, Gris and Miro. The works are intelligently arranged in large and small galleries on the museum's second floor.

The tour begins with Picasso's "Woman in Blue" (1901), in a gallery that tries to show the transition between the 19th and 20th

Next come the vanguard years of the '20s and '30s, including Cubism and Surrealism. There is a room filled with Dali, including "The Great Masturbator" (1929). In another gallery, a single wall holds 10 Gris paintings from 1913 to 1927.

Another section includes Tapies, and there is a gallery dedicated to the later work of Mirc. Finally come the galleries of more recent works by Spanish and foreign artists, which the museum dubs "proposals."

Along with the nearby Prado, the Reina

Sofia is a key point on the so-called "triangle" of important art museums in central Madrid. The third museum opens in October with 700 artworks from the collection of Baron Hans Heinrich Thyssen-Bornemisza.
The Reina Sofia is open daily except Tues-

Al Goodman reports from Spain for CNN.

LEICA R7. PERFECTION **MADE** IN GERMANY



Leica The freedom to see.

Directed by Bertrand Taver-

The action takes-place in the seedy headquarters of an anti-narcotics brigade in Paris, in streets and squalid rooms where Lulu (Didier Bezace) and his cohorts route out dealers. Lulu is consumed by a strange passion for this job which keeps his adrenalin pumping: He has no time for his wife (Cécile Garcia-Fogel), but he is attracted to Cécile (Lara Guirao), an HIV positive addict and prostitute. L627 refers to a French law that penalizes drug comsumption and dealing; the movie shows that there are victims on both sides of the law. Tavernier shoots candid camera style, denouncing violence and tawdri-ness as if classic heroics didn't interest him. But what's left, in terms of the story's core tough guy togetherness and fallen women stoicism — is not new. These cliches may be inherent to the scene; they are

still cliches. (Joan Dupons, IHT) Miral no Omolde Directed by Yoshimitsu Morita. Japan.

Two young women share a common oddity: Every 10 years they die, then come back to life equipped with former memories and the ability to take fuller advantage of what they know is going to happen. Like most of director Morita's ideas, it is a clever one. The girls (Misa Shimizu and Shizuka Kudo) snap back to 1981, all ready to replay and this time really clobber the competition and marry Mr. Right. And like many of Morita's clever ideas this one too slowly sinks under all the gimickery the director invariably piles on. For example, a better English title would have been a straight translation: "Remembering the Future." But Morita insists on calling it "Last Christmas" so that he can then drag in the George Michael number of that name, and all the other teen favorites that clog the soundtrack and stop the action. Then, since he is

being mod with music, he can

go further - make one of the girls do high fashion, have the other do best-selling manga comics, have people run around in red Alfa-Romeos, take up golf, jet off to Paris. It is curious to find Morita now enthusiastically endorsing all of Japan's various status symbols when it was just these which formed the right-on target of his one good film, "The Family Game." (Donald Richie, IHT)

Sneakers Directed by Phil Alden Robinson. U.S.

A band of lovable misfits saves capitalism from certain ruin in "Sneakers," a clicky technothriller on the order of "The Seven Samurai" with computer nerds. Robert Redford finds he can still sundance as Martin Bishop, an insoluciant electronics whiz who is coerced into a covert operation by the National Security Agency. His next-to-impossible mission: to secure a code unscrambler from the enemits of the NSA. Despite all the crypto-crats and political clap-

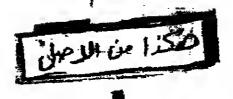
trap, this is a boisterously funny no-brainer. It begins with a flashback to the '60s, when compu-hippie Bishop went un-derground to escape the feds he had illegally transferred Republican Party funds into the Black Panther Party's checking account. Now the head of a struggling security business, he is uncarthed by the NSA, which offers to clear his record if he and his team of happy hackers will heist a top-secret black box from the San Francisco scientist who invented it. The box holds a microchip capable of

accessing all the computer networks in the United States. The black box falls into the hands of a megalomaniac (Ben Kings-ley). Phil Alden Robinson of "Field of Dreams" directed and co-wrote the screenplay with the movie's producers, Walter F. Parkes and Lawrence Lasker of the compu-thriller "WarGames." Robinson indulges a geeky fascination for the gimcracks and gadgetry, but he never cheats the human side

of the cast.
(Rita Kempley, WP)



Phil Alden Robinson, left, directing "Sneakers." At right, a scene from "L.627."



By Robert Frank

OS ANGELES — It's every pet lover's traveling nightmare: You peer out across the runway, dazed from jet lag, and see your terrified terrier darting about on the scorched tarmac, trying to chude savage baggage handlers who want to toss it back into its busted-up travel

Don't worry, it probably will never hap-pen. In fact, inclusiry officials say that fewer than 1 percent of pets are injured or killed in transit. And by following certain guidelines, owners can ensure that their pet will be among the thousands who arrive safe and sound every day.

"This is your pet, this is your family," said Kathi Travers of the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Ammals. "Don't take for granted everything will be fine. It's your responsibility to check every-thing out and do it well in advance of your travel. Then you will have peace of mind."

As the ASPCA's pet travel expert, Travers sits with airline representatives on a task force to educate airline personnel and pet owners on humane and safe ways to transport pets and chiminate the problems that metimes happen.

While pet owners have the primary obliga-tion for the safety of their pets, airlines should also be able to ensure safe trips for them, Travers said.

IRST, owners should call the airline to reserve a space for their pet, find out the carrier's rules and have the carrier find out what is required by the country the pet will be traveling to, said Betsy Sato, e Japan Airlines cargo sales

Trips to Japan or Hong Kong may require a few weeks of rabies quarantine, while dogs and cats sent to Britain are quarantined for six months.

Although seeing-eye and hearing-ear dogs are usually exempt from these rules and are allowed to fly in passenger cabins, they may not escape quarantine restrictions. Even in Hawaii, every animal must be quarantined for 120 days.

Pets can sometimes ride for free. More likely, their owners will pay a charge of \$30 to \$200, depending on the carrier, distance and size of the animal.

Some airlines allow small animals, includ-

Do contact the carrier at least six weeks

for your pet and about the rules of the

Don't show up at the airport expecting .

everything to be fine for bringing your pet along. Always do the research yourself.

country you are visiting.

Last-Minute Glitches

before travel. Ask about the carrier's rules

ing cats, dogs, birds and rodents, to ride underneath a passenger's seat, like carry-on inggage. But the number of animals allowed in passenger cabins is limited. Carry-on kennels must also meet aidine requirements, and the airline should be told what is being transposted

"We'd hate to have a lot of snakes shithering up and down the cabin," said an American Airlines spokesman.

Carriers like Delta limit the luxury of carry-on travel to small aquatic animals or insects, provided they are in leak-proof, escape-proof and odor-proof containers. Dogs and cars usually ride in a special area set

aside in a jet's baggage compartment.

While dogs, cats and birds remain the animal kingdom's frequent flyers, some passengers tote menageries that include millipedes, Vietnamese potbellied pigs and fer-

O matter what species is in the box, pet owners should make sure their animals are well-prepared, said Jim Lampl, a British Air-ways spokesman. That means getting a vetarian's health certificate no earlier than 10 days before travel. And a sturdy cage is a

"The most important thing is that the pet well-housed for the trip," Lampl said. "Cats and dogs, especially, need proper con-tainers with adequate space and circula-tion." Kennels should be made of sturdy fiberglass with enough room so the anima

can stand, sit and turn around.

"Nobody should be required to stay in one position for 15 hours," Sato said. For overseas flights, the animals should have enough food and water for three days.

Most airlines sell or rent air kennels for nominal cost, but they should be obtained

early so owners can acclimate their pets. Tips from the ASPCA include: Give food and water to pets four hours before flight time. Freeze the water in the

kennel's water dish to reduce the chance of it splashing out during loading. It will melt in

In large letters, write "Live Animal" on the kennel, and use arrows to clearly show the upright position of the container. On top, write your name, address and telephone number, and that of the person who is picking the animal up if you are not. · Make sure your pet is wearing identifi-

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Do get your pet accustomed to the crate it will be flying in. Put a favorite blanket, toy or food dishes inside for several

temperatures and avoid flights that involve

Feeling at Home

weeks before travel.

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# Affordable Bistros on Left Bank

By Patricia Wells International Herald Tribune

ARIS - Let's face it, the Left Bank is great for just about everything. Except meals that offer great value. Numerous restaurateurs in the 6th and 7th arrondissements generally get by with food that's truly nothing special at ultrahigh prices, practices that simply won't fly on the other side of the Seine. Here then, a trio of Left Bank spots that attempt to go against the

"poor value" grain. The tiny, always bustling Le Bistrot d'Henri offers some of the Left Bank's best "qualité-prix." This is a tried and true spot, where the welcome is warm, the quality unchanging, the price always right. With its bare wooden tables, black and white checkered floors, and French doors opening onto the Rue Princesse, Le Bistrot d'Henri has a rather modern, no-frills air. Yet the quality of the food is way above average, with refreshingly simple salads of green beans or grilled red peppers, rare-cooked top quality beef, melt-

ingly tender and fragrant slices of leg of lamb, and healthy portions of potato gratin offered with each and every main course. Desserts are traditional --- crème caramel and chocolate mousse - and the wine list offers some respectable choices, including Pierre Ferrand's energizing Chinon, Châtean Le Ligre. mis is e nice and quiet, village-

like bistro in a chic neighborhood not known for bargain-priced restaurants. This bistro has been on the Rue du Bac since the turn of the century. Although the decor and the mood are slightly tired, this totally service-able restaurant should assure a pleasant dining experience. The food is straight from Lyon, including sausages (dried and cooked varieties) from the famed Bobosse in Beaujolais; decent pan-fried steaks; a delicious poulet à la crème; and a piquant fromage fort, a Lyonnais specialty of spreadable, fresh cheese seasoned with herbs and garlic. So order up a bottle of Saint Amour, Domaine dn Paradis (how can one go wrong with that name?), and have a swell time.

When you find yourself in the neighbor-hood of the Bon Marché department store,

and you're about to collapse from hunger, Pierre and Micheline Grocat are sure to cure what ails you. It's hard to believe one can still find a "mom and pop" bistro in the trendy Sevres-Babylone area, but La Cigale is it. A handful of tables, a few stretched out onto the sidewalk (along with their giant black Labrador), a hyper-traditional menu of thick grilled beefsteaks (try the pave grille), truly fresh and golden fries, and homemade desserts to warm the heart. The food's not great but satisfies. Service is sweet, if a bit pokey. If the fruity, concentrated, Samur-Champigny, Domaine Filliatreau, is still on the wine list, go for it.

Le Bistrot d'Henri, 16 Rue Princesse, Paris 6; tel: 46.33.51,12. Closed Sunday and Mono; tel: 40.35.31.12. Closed Sunday and Mon-day at lunch. No credit cards. 160 franc menu. Le Mâconnais, 10 Rue du Bac, Paris 7; tel: 42.61.21.89. Closed Saturday lunch, Sunday, August, and Christmas week. Credit card: Visa. A la carte, 125 to 175 francs. La Cigale, (Chez Pierre et Micheline), 11 bis Rue Chomel, Paris 7; tel: 45.48.87.87. Closed September. Sunday, and the less work in August

Saturday, Sunday, and the last week in August. Credit card: Visa. 155 franc menu. A la carte,

AUSTRALIA -

Orange County Register.

Powerhouse Museum (tel: 217.0111).To Oct. 18: "First Australian Contemporary Jewellery Biennial." Comprehensive survey of Jewelry design coming out of Australia.

shredded paper or towels. Secure the kennel

door, but do not lock it so the crate can be

and avoid those that can become heavy pro-

Tranquilization is not recommended.

• Using crates big enough for the bird to

stand up comfortably, but not so large that it can flap its wings and injure itself. Wings should also be clipped so the bird cannot fly

away if it escapes. Perches should only be

• Lining the crate with shredded non-

toxic paper, such as brown food-wrapping paper, and scattering seeds throughout.

Place pieces of juicy fruits, such as apples,

oranges and pears, on top of the paper.

Traveling is a stressful situation for ev-

erybody," Travers said. "It's no different for

your pets. Anything you can do to avoid stress for yourself and your pet, do it."

Robert Frank is a staff reporter for The

For birds, the ASPCA suggests:

included for canaries and finches.

• Secure a favorite toy inside the kennel

opened in emergencies:

jectiles, like rawhide bones.

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Lendcommanderij Alden Bieeen (tel: 41.39.13). To Dec. 13: "Knights and Priests." Artifacts from eight centuries of the Teutonic order in porthuseran Europe.

Musées Royaux d'Art et d'Histoire (tel; 741,72,11). To Dec. 27: "Tresors du Nouveau Monde." Pre-Columbian art from the American continents.

BRITAIN

London Accademia Italiana (tel: 381.13.24). To Sept. 20: "FIAR International Prize: Invention Through Reason, the Hopes of Mankind, the Dreams of Youth." Features 60 artists under the age of 30 from Milan, Florne, Paris, London, New York and Los Angeles, including Callum Innes, who won

Museum of London (tel: 600,3699). To June: "The Purple, White and Green: Suffragettes in London, 1906-14." A re-evaluation of the the early British women'e movement.

Hayward Gallery (tel: 921,0876): To Dec. 6:
"The Art of Ancient Mexico." Pre-Columbian sculpture and pottery created between 1000BC and 1500AD by the pre-Hispanic people of Mexico, including the Olmecs, the Mayas, and the Aztecs.

Musées Royeux d'Art et d'Histoire (tel: '741.72.11). To Dec. 27: "Tresors du Nouveau Monde." Pre-Columbian art from the American

continents from the Arctic circle to the tip of South

CANADA

Montreel

Canadien Centre for Architecture (tel: 939.7020). To Jan. 17: "Opening the Gates of 18th-century Montreal." Exhibition marking the city'e 300 anniversary explores its development in the 18th century.

DENMARK

Louislane Museum of Modern Art (tel: 42.19.07.19) To Jan. 3: "Pierre Bonnard." Retrospective exhibition of the works of the French painter.

FRANCE

GERMANY

The American Center (tel: 44.73,77.77). Sept. 18 to Nov.15: "Trans-Volces." Paintings, photographs, sculptures and videotapes from 50 French and American activist artists focusing attention on social challenges, i.e. Aids, racism and

Espace des Aris Mitsukoshi (tel: 44.09.11.11).
To Oct.10: "Kataoka," Paintings of Tamako Kataoka, who gives her contemporary impressions of taleatal large. Institution Monthly Institution Monthly Institution Monthly Institution Monthly Institution Monthly Institution Monthly Institution sical Japan, Including Mount Fuji and other landscapes, uklyo-e print masters and kabuki theater scenes.

institut du Monde Arabe (tel: 40.51,38.38), To Oct. 25: "NAID: Photographs by Humberto da Silveira," Black-and-white photographs by the Brazilian photographer, Humberto Da Silveira, dedicated to the hidden treasures of Saudi Ara-

Frankfart Schim Kunsthalle (tel: 299 88 20) To Nov. 1: "Genoese Art of the Baroque Age." Two hundred items including ceremics, silver and paintings from Andrea Doria to the early 19th century.

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Karl Ernst Osthaus-Museum (tel:20.75.76), To
Nov. 8; "Henry van de Velde: A European Arhst in
his Time." One thousand works including paintings, drawings, porcelain and ceramic works.

Roemer und Pelizaeus Museum (tel: 936 90). To Nov. 29: "The World of the Mayas." Mayan artifacts, mainly from the museums of Belize, El Salvador and Honduras.

ITALY Florence

Casa Buonarroti (tel 24.17.52). To Oct, 19: 'The Garden of San Marco.'' One of many exhibits in honor of the 500th anniversary of the death of Lorenzo the Magnificent, who had converted the garden into an outdoor museum and an art school towards the late 1470s, Featuring sculp-tures by Michelangelo and Donatello among oth-

Lugano Museo d'Arte Moderna della Citta di Lugano (tel:20.72,09). To Nov. 15; "Thomas Hart Benton." Eighty works including paintings, sketches, wood carvings and large-scale murals oealing

JAPAN

Tokyo Metropolitan Telen Art Museum (tel: 3443.8500). To Sept. 30: "Lucian Freud." Explores the condition of human existence through his paintings, drawings and prints.

SWITZERLAND

Musée Barbier-Mueller (tel: 312.02.70). To Oct. 15: "An from Benin." Bronze sculptures dating back to the 15th century.

Zurich

Fondation de l'Hermitage (tel: 20.50.01). To Sept. 21; 'The Imaginary World of Odifor Re-don.'' Two hundred drawings, pastels, oils and lithooraphs.

Kunsthaus (tel: 251.67.55). To December 13: "Gustav Klimt." Exhibition marking the 50th anniversary of his death. Also, "Ferdinand Hodier." Drawings of the artist as an adolescent and a young man (1900-1918).

UNITED STATES

Houston Museum of Fine Arts (tel: 526,1361). To Nov.

29: "Jacob Lawrence: The Frederic Douglass and Hamet Tubman series of Narrative Paintings." More than 60 paintings created between 1938 and 1948 by one of the most important African-American artist of the century.

Museum of Contemporary Art (tel: 626.6222). To Oct, 4: "Martin Puryear." Includes 40 wood and mixed-media works tracing the artist's devel-**New York** 

Museum of Modern Art (tel: 879.5500). To Nov.

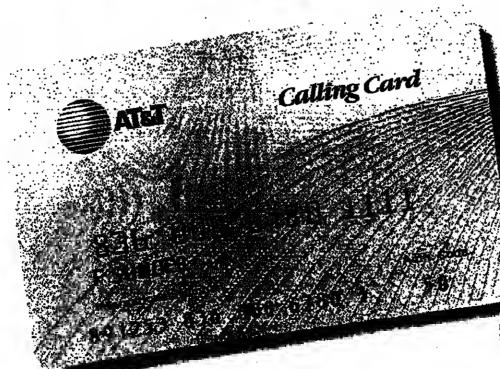
 "Rene Magritte," Includes paintings, sculp-tures and drawings, among other media. Whitney Mueeum of American Art (tel: 570.3633). To Nov. 29: "Figuretive Works from the Permanent Collection." Eighty-five paintings, drawings, subtures, prints and drawings surveying the various approaches that 20th-century American figurative artists have taken from turn-of-the-century impressionism to the present.

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The Corcoran Gallery of Art (tel: 638.3211). To Nov. 8: "Fata Morgana USA: The American Way of Life." Eighty photo montages created by Josep Renau between 1952 and 1966.

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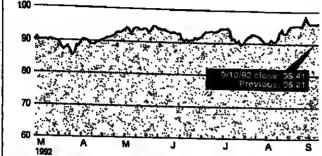
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# ING Plans to Bid for BBL

## Offer to Value Belgian Bank at \$2 Billion

AMSTERDAM — Internationale Nederlanden Groep NV said Thursday it planned to make a friendly bid for Banque Bruxelles Lambert that values the Belgian bank at 3.2 billion guilders (\$2

The Dutch financial services group said it was planning a public offer for BBL at a maximum price of 3,600 Belgian francs (\$124) a share. The offer will be made after ING raises its stake in Reignum's second-largest bank to 16.77 percent by buying a 6.72 percent holding owned by SBH Investments and the Italian holding company Uniper for the same maximum price.

ING said it would finance the offer partly through new preference shares and said it would convene an extraordinary shareholders meeting on Oct. 12 to seek approval of the new shares.

The bid follows months of jostling over control of BBL. ING said in July that it had acquired an indirect, 10.03 percent share in BBL with the intention of becoming a big shareholder in the Belgian bank. But in mid-August it rejected an offer from Unipar to buy a 5.2 percent stake for 3,800 francs a share, without giving a reason. In July, Groupe Bruxelles Lambert SA, one of the

bank's main shareholders, also declined to increase its stake, clearing the way for a bid by ING.

ING said its aim was to create a second home market in Europe for its banking and insurance

Trevor May, insurance analyst at Nomura Re-search Institute in London, said BBL would be "a superb acquisition if ING can get it," as it would allow ING to increase its insurance business beyoud the Dutch market, which it dominates.

ING said it would not make a final decision on the offer and its terms until mid-October. It said it reserved the right not to purchase the shares ten-dered onder the offer if it was not able to acquire at

least 51 percent of BBL's shares.

In Amsterdam, ING shares fell 2.10 guilders, to 42.20 guilders. Some traders said ING's plan to partially finance the bid with a new issue of preference shares was weighing down the stock.

BBL's shares were suspended Thursday; they closed Wednesday at 3,275 francs each. But shares of GBL rose 50 francs, to 2,570, and shares of BBL's other main shareholder, the insurer Royale Beige SA, jumped 120 frames, to 3,680.

(Bloomberg, AFX, Reuters)

# Warning Sounds in Bonn

## **Economics Minister Calls for Interest Rate Cut**

By Brandon Mitchener International Herald Tribune

FRANKFURT — The German economics minister said Thursday that the country was nearing the limits of its economic resourcefulness and needed to take drastic action to halt a slide toward recession.

His comments contrasted sharply with a recent upbeat assessment by Chancellor Heimut Kohl.

Mr. Möllemann avoided using the volatile word recession, but said in a speech on the 1993 draft budget in Bonn that recent indicators on the economy

were all "pointing downwards."
He said, "Growth in Eastern Germany is less than expected, and in Western Germany the economy is

To reverse the trend, the country's powerful labor unions — as well as federal, state and local govern-ments — must immediately tighten their belts, Mr. Möllemann said.

"Agreement on a performance-oriented wage policy and a restrictive fiscal policy are important signals for the Bundesbank," he added. He called for "an urgently needed lowering of key

interest rates." Some observers said Mr. Möllemann, head of the Free Democratic Party, appeared to have adopted several recent suggestions of the opposition Social

Democratic Party, such as a temporary tax haven and

more active role for the Trephandanstalt privatization

agency in Eastern Germany.

Others, however, dismissed his stance as politicking.
"Not everyone takes Mr. Möllemann seriously," a senior Social Democratic official said, It is widely speculated that Mr. Möllemann toys with the idea of sing his party as kingmaker in a new coalition with

the Social Democrats, the official added. The opposition, meanwhile, continued its attack on the budget and government policy toward Eastern

Germany. Wolfgang Roth, economics specialist for the Social Democratic Party, said the Treuhand had failed in its mission to convert Eastern Germany's conglomerates

into competitive enterprises.

As an alternative, Mr. Roth suggested the creation of industrial holding companies that would preserve the core of Eastern Germany's industrial base.

Several speakers in the budget debate attacked the government's stand on the issue of property claims. arguably the most serious impediment to investment in Germany's five eastern states. The government promises to return any property expropriated by the former Communist government, but some officials estimate sifting through the backlog of property claims will take 10 years or more.

The Social Democratic Party demands that claim See GERMANY, Page 13

# Russia Plans to Double Energy Prices

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches

MOSCOW - Russia will almost double its controlled domestic energy prices to halt slid-ing production levels and boost sagging export revenues, Deputy Prime Minister Viktor S. Chemomyrdin said Thursday.

The move is expected to send shock waves throughout the Russian economy, where for decades agriculture and industry have been dependent on cheap fuel to operate machinery.
"We have to change the situation," said Mr. Chernomyrdin, who also is fuel and energy minister. "Our oil prices will definitely go up."

Asked about a report by the Interfax ne agency that oil prices would double, to 4,000 rubles (\$19.20) a ton, he said: "As for the price, I think it will be in the range mentioned. Perhaps a slight plus or minus is possible."

Earlier, Interfax quoted a draft resolution as saying that the government would set a new price ceiling of 4,000 rables a ton, close to the price in the West for a single barrel. A ton of oil is equal to 7.5 barrels.

Russia, the world's second-biggest oil pro-ducer, has been under pressure from the Inter-

national Monetary Fund to increase oil export earnings by bringing domestic prices closer to world market values.

But influential industrial leaders have joined forces with conservative factions in parliament to minimize energy price increases, saying the economy was already too weak and could not withstand higher inflation.

Mr. Chemomyrdin said a mechanism had been worked out to avoid sharp rises in the domestic oil price and creating problems for consumers. It is to be made public next week, The Interfax report said prices of electricity and gas would remain under state control. A government meeting Thursday discussed

Russia's energy sector crisis and a policy program for up to the year 2000. Mr. Chemomyrdin said priority would be given to meeting domestic supply requirements and to more efficient use of energy.

He said the sovernment would try to restore

He said the government would try to restore order to the oil export business through greater centralization. Russia has been toughening the licensing system governing exports to combat illegal exports of oil and oil products.

A 50 percent tax will be charged on oil sold for more than 4,000 rubles a ton, Interfax quoted governmental sources as saying.

Exported oil accounts for most of Russia's hard-currency income, but sales are not expected to meet the target of 60 million tons this year, Mr. Chernomyrdin said he expected the figure would total 57 million to 58 million tons.

Russian oil prices have been boosted several times this year, but they currently are not allowed to exceed 1,800 to 2,200 rubles a ton and the government has ruled ont freeing prices this

Mr. Chernomyrdin said prices should be freed gradually, in tandem with moves to make the ruble a convertible currency, and reach world levels during 1993. The Russian parliament daily Rossiyskaya

Gazeta said in a commentary on Thursday that the country would produce oo more than 390 million ton of oil this year, down from previous official estimates of 395 million tons.

(Reuters, AFX, AFP)

## U.S. Firms Scale Back On Plant Investment

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches

WASHINGTON - U.S. businesses scaled back plans for plant and equipment irrestment this year, the government said in a report on Thursday that reflected skepticism about the strength of the

Businesses surveyed during July and August told the Commerce Department they would spend \$551 billion this year, a 4.3 percent increase from 1991. Io the previous survey, during April and May, businesses had planned a 4.7 percent increase, and before the year began they expected a 5.4 percent rise.

The increase in investment spending this year, if realized, would follow a 0.8 percent decline in 1991, only the fourth drop in the past 33 years. Spending had risen a moderate 5 percent in 1990, after shooting up 11.4 percent in 1989 and 10.6 percent in 1988.

Meanwhile, the oumber of people filing first-time claims for state pemployment insurance rose 8,000, to a seasonally adjusted 394,000, for the week that ended Aug. 29, the Labor Department

The increase, which was slightly lower than analysts expected, follows a rise of 3,000 in the prior week, to 386,000.

(AP, Bloomberg)

#### **WALL STREET WATCH**

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## Thinking Caps, Hicks Gets **Control of Hat Company**

By Kenneth N. Gilpin New York Times Service

EW YORK - Would-be Indiana Joneses have worn his fedoras and legions of young people have slipped on his baseball caps to identify with their favorise teams. But Irving Joel, who in three decades has built the largest .U.S. designer, manufacturer and marketer of headwear, made by far his biggest sale on Thursday.

Hicks, Muse & Co., a leveraged buyout company, acquired an 80 percent stake in Hat Brands Inc., Mr. Joel's company, for more than \$100 million in cash and debt securities. Hicks, Muse, a conservative company that prefers acquisitions in

headwear empire is

concerns, worth a total \$1.8 bil-lion, including Trident NGL Irving Joel's niche markets, has acquired six Inc., a producer of natural gas

Mr. Joel, 64, has built a brand riding a swell of name empire that ranges from the sartorially correct homburgs sales.

to Stetsons. Despite the recession, his privately held Hat Brands recorded sales of \$106 million in its financial year that

ended on June 30, up from \$87 million in 1991. Before interest and

ended on June 30, up from \$87 million in 1991. Before interest and taxes, earnings were just over \$18 million in 1992.

Indeed, according to projections from the Headwear Institute of America, a trade group, sales of hats and caps this year will reach \$2.5 billion, up from \$2.25 billion in 1991.

As part of the deal, Mr. Joel signed a five-year contract with Hicks, Muse to remain as Hat Brands' chairman and chief executive. He retains a 20 percent stake in the company.

"We would not be doing the deal if Irving Joel were not going to stay on," said Thomas O. Hicks, chairman of Hicks, Muse.

Mr. Joel and Mr. Hicks began talking about a combination 18 months ago, a little more than a year after Mr. Joel had bought the John B. Stetson's hat division, which was bankrupt, for \$11 million in cash and the assumption of \$3.1 million in debt.

Mr. Joel began the business with baseball caps when he founded AJD Cap Corp. in 1960. Licensing agreements with concerns ranging from Coca-Cola Co. to the National Football League expanded the market considerably. The company, renamed Hat Brands in 1973, was sold to Colgate-Palmolive Co. in 1978, but Mr. Joel bought it back three years later.

Looking forward, Mr. Joel said he was in "an acquisitive mode."

Looking forward, Mr. Joel said he was in "an acquisitive mode."
Referring to Hicks, Muse, he added, "I think they are, too."

## Sony Launches Disks **To Replace Cassettes**

TOKYO - Sony Corp. introduced its first products Thursday in a new generation of audio equipment that allows consumers to digitally record music. The MiniDisc system is Sony's multimillion-dollar bid for a new

recording format to replace cassette tapes. Adding to the confusion Ior consumers, it will compete against a separate system developed by Philips Consumer Electronics that is expected to hit the market almost simultaneously.

Sony said three MiniDisc models — two portables and a car player - will go on sale Nov. 1 in Japan and by the end of the year in Europe. The two portables are due to go on sale in the United States in early December, with the car player to follow in 1993.

A recording portable model will sell in Japan for the equivalent of about \$650, while a playback-only version will cost \$490, Sony said. The U.S. prices are expected to be \$750 for the recording version and \$550 for the playback-only type.

MiniDisc uses disks that are about half the size of existing compact disks. Each is enclosed in a protective cartridge that makes it resemble a computer diskette.

The disks can be rerecorded up to a million times, Sony said.

## Asia-Pacific Trade Group Stakes Claim By Michael Richardson

osal Herold Tribune

BANGKOK - Asian and Pacific nations, moving to strengthen their position as a leading force in the global economy, agreed Thursday to establish a permanent secretariat to support regional economic cooperation and safeguard

free trade.

Officials attending the annual meeting of the
Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation forum said the decision would give the 15 countries in the group greater influence in international econom-

APEC members are the United States, Japan, Canada, China, Taiwan, South Korea, Hong Kong, Australia, New Zealand and the Association of South East Asian Nations, which com-

prises Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Brunei. These countries produce nearly half of the world's GNP and account for more than a third of world trade.

With an aggregate gross national income already twice that of the European Community, "there is oo question that the APEC region has become an economic powerhouse of vital im-

George Yong Boon-Yeo, Singapore's second

minister for foreign affairs who was speaking as chairman of the ASEAN standing committee, said, "The center of gravity of the global economy is shifting inexorably to the Asia-Pacific

APEC, he said, needed to coordinate its activities to help keep markets open, expand trade and sustain the economic dynamism of Asia and the Pacific.

Some analysts have suggested that the APEC secretariat, initially a small body to be based in Singapore, might eventually develop into a Pacific version of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, undertaking economic policy coordination as well as re-

But officials of APEC countries denied that this was their intention. They said the secretariat, with a budget of \$2 million in 1993, would

coordinate APEC activities, including its re-search projects and work programs.

The United States, which will take over from

portance to the rest of the world," said Michael
H. Wilson, the Canadian minister for internayear, said the group must now "galvanize" cooperative programs in such areas as telecommunications, energy and transport to promote economic growth and development throughout the Pacific.

Robert C. Fauver, U.S. undersecretary of state for economic and agricultural affairs, said that APEC also must address "the emerging challenges of interdependence." These challenges include serious trade dis-putes as the United States attempts to open

East Asian markets, particularly in Japan and China, more quickly than regional governments seem prepared to accept.

Japan and other Asian countries at the meeting, which will end on Friday, expressed concorn that a planned North American Free Trade area linking the United States, Canada and Mexico might harm their trade and divert investment away from Asia.

To allay these worries, U.S. and Canadian officials provided an extensive briefing on NAFTA in which they gave assurances that Asian interests would not be harmed.

# Fujitsu Details Fast Computer

By John Markoff New York Times Service

SAN FRANCISCO — Fujitsu Ltd. announced details Thursday of Ltd. aumounced details Thursday of its first massively parallel supercomputer and said it would be the world's fastest computer when shipments begin in September 1993.

The Fujitsu VPP500 represents the first orajor Japanese initiative to catch up with United States supercomputer suppliers in developing machines that link hundreds of processors to obtain high sneed.

ing together a smaller number of very fast custom processors.
"We have fewer, more powerful processors," said Kenichi Miura,

vice president of the Pojitsu American supercomputer group. "This is a more flowible approach that eases the challenge of software development."

"Superficially, the machine looks good," said Jeffry Canin, an industry analyst at Salomon Brothers Inc.

challenge of software development."

Mr. Miura said the VPP500
would be ideal for applications ranging from simulating wind tunnels to prospecting for oil.

The Fujitsu style of design is closer to the approach of such conventional supercomputer designers as Seymour Cray, who founded Cray Computer Corp., and Steven Chen, who launched Supercomputer Sysmillion and have a peak speed of of processors to obtain high speed.
Fujitsu has eschewed the microprocessor-based approach of U.S.
companies, including Thinking
Machines Corp. and Intel Corp.
and instead concentrated on hook-

who launched Supercomputer Sys-million and have a peak speed of 355,2 billion calculations a second. ■ Zenith Gets Pentagon Deal

Zenith Data Systems Corp., a unit of Groupe Bull of France, has won a \$740 million contract to supply the Pentagon and the military Sept 10 services with desktop computers over the next three years, Steven Pearlstein of The Washington Post reported from Washington.

Zenith beat out dozens of other companies that had competed over

the past year for the contract. Among the losers was Sysorex Information Systems Inc., of Falls Church, Virginia, which won the contract last November only to have it taken away two months later when the Pentagon bowed to protests from losing bidders that they had been treated unfairly in

the evaluation process. The decision also was a blow to Unisys Corp., which wrested the Pentagon's personal computer business away from Zenith in 1989. After winning the contract, however, Unisys had trouble delivering machines on time and users com-AM. P.M. Care Diamed of technical problems.
Within 16 months, the Pentagon began to search for a new supplier.

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To our readers in France

# **Stocks Rebound** As Investors Return

NEW YORK —U.S. stocks rose sharply Thursday as a mild recovery in the dollar and low interest rates lured institutional investors

into the market. The Dow Jones industrial average rose 33.77, to 3,305.16. Com-

N.Y. Stocks

puter-guided buy orders also 7.24 percent from 7.26 percent. helped the rally.

Advancers outpaced decliners by a 9-to-5 margin on the New York Stock Exchange, where volume jumped to 233 million shares, the most active trading in more than a month. On Wednesday, 172.89 million shares changed hands.

"What's been putting the market down — poor confidence in Bush, fears that Clinton will win the election, and the dollar in a freefall -some of those concerns were allevi-ated today," said Robert Stovall, president of Stovall/Twenty-First

"The market was higher before Bush spoke, and it kept on going," Mr. Stovall said. In a speech to the

Detroit Economic Club, President George Bush said he favored a 1 percent across-the-board tax cut as part of his economic package.

Mr. Bush's comments caused Treasury bonds to fall briefly before they rebounded as bond trad-ers dismissed the president's call for lower taxes. The yield on the benchmark 30-year bond slipped to

Teléfonos de México was the most-active issue on the Big Board. The company's American deposi-tory receipts fell % to 42% as con-cerns about high yields on Mexican Treasury bills weighed oo Mexico's stock market.

Tele-Communications, the largest U.S. cable systems operator, was the most active over-thecounter issue. It was up % to 1814 amid a rally in cable stocks sparked by positive comments from analysts and the fading prospect of

Nabors Industries led the American Stock Exchange actives, up % to 8%.

#### LIRA: Latest Victim of Turmoil

(Continued from page 1)

years will not help efforts to clean up the economy and, in my opin-ion, is an error," said Gerardo Bianco, chief whip for the Chris-tian Democrats, the largest party in the four-party ruling coalition. Mr. Amato's government enjoys only a 16-vote majority in the legislature.

The Bank of Italy governor, Carlo Azeglio Ciampi, who would have the power under Mr. Amato's pro-

#### Foreign Exchange

posal to declare an economic emergency allowing the government to act on its own, insisted before a committee of Parliament that Rome would not devalue the lira.

Despite the renewed determination to resist devaluation displayed this week in Italy, Britain and Sweden, there were still widespread doubts among currency traders about whether the governments in charge of the weaker European currencies would be able to withstand the pressure indefinitely. A rejection of the Maastricht treaty by French voters in the Sept. 20 referendum would probably spark a crisis in the exchange markets.

If Italy is forced to devalue, spec-ulators "will come out of their caves smelling blood" and attack other vulnerable currencies such as the Swedish krona and the pound, said Keld Holm at Lehman Broth-

ers in London. For all the focus on currency speculation, the root of the European economic dilemma is Germany's policy of high interest rates designed by the Bundesbank to francs, up from 4.8165. The pound squeeze out domestic inflation that fell to \$1.9580 from \$1.9725.

was caused by excessive government borrowing and other fiscal misjudgments in bringing about

German reunification. Other European countries, locked together with Germany through fixed exchange rates, have seen growth choked off and, in such cases as Britain, Sweden and Finland, experienced painful downturns primarily because of

high borrowing costs. "The only new action which could diminish the pressure is a German rate cut," Erick Muller, market economist at Crédit Com mercial de France told Reuters.

The dollar rose Thursday after erasing early declines made in European trading, Bloomberg Business News reported from New York. "After the European close, the

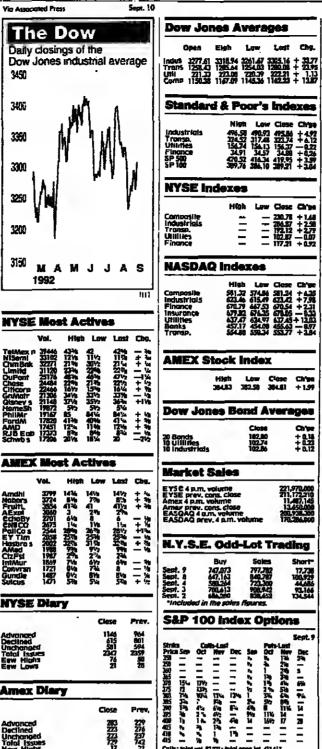
said John Nelson, chief spot dealer at ABN-AMRO Bank. The dollar began to rise on comments by Robert Parry, president of the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, that further U.S. interest rate cuts were unlikely before

dollar found some strong support,

the November election. The dollar rebound was helped by reports the United States had intercepted an Iraqi jet in a restricted

area of northern Iraq, traders said. The dollar rose to 1.4258 DM from 1.4140 DM on Wednesday. In Europe, it had slipped to 1.4055 after the Bundesbank reiterated its

commitment to high interest rates.
The U.S. currency also rose to
123.650 yen from 123.175 yen. It was quoted at 1.2665 Swiss francs, up from 1.2532, and 4.8585 French



# **Dollar Hits Rhône-Poulenc**

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**NASDAQ Diary** 

Compiled by Our Stuff From Dispatche

PARIS - Rhône-Poulenc SA, the state-owned chemicals group, on Thursday cut its operating profit forecast for 1992, saying the result would only climb about 10 percent to 15 percent.

growth figures for August.

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#### **Books, Films Aid Paramount Profit**

NEW YORK (UPI) — Paramount Communications Inc., citing gains in entertainment and publishing, reported Thursday earnings \$113.3 million for its third quarter ended July 31, up 12.0 percent from earnings of \$101.2 million in the like period last year.

Sales were \$1.06 billion, up from \$963.9 million in the year-ago quarter The earnings were in line with expectations, and Paramount rose \$1.125. to \$45, on the New York Stock Exchange. Publishing operations were led by seasonal strength in education and sharp gains in consumer books, while entertainment results were boosted by motion picture and television results.

#### GM Car Venture in Poland Is Delayed

DETROIT (Bloomberg) — General Motors Corp. said Thursday that plans to jointly build cars with Fabryka Samochodow Osobowych of Poland by early 1993 have been delayed until at least the end of next year. "There are a number of factors that have yet to be mutually resolved," a GM spokesman said. GM announced plans Feb. 28 to initially invest about \$75 million and form a joint venture company with FSO to assemble 30,000 Opel Astra cars a year, using about 1,000 of FSO's 19,000 workers.

#### Northwest Sets Pilot Deal With KLM

ST. PAUL, Minnesota (Bloomberg) — Northwest Airlines, moving to cement its new relationship with KLM Royal Dutch Airlines, said Thursday that 48 laid-off Northwest pilots would be based in Amsterdam to fly KLM Boeing 747s.

The 48 will serve as "cruise" pilots on long-range flights from Amsterdam to South America, Asia and South Africa, relieving the KLM captain or first officer as needed on the international flights.

The flyers will wear KLM uniforms and work under KLM rules, with Northwest administering pay and benefits. KLM will reimburse Northwest for the pilots' services, the company said. The transfers were offered to the 110 pilots who were laid off in July.

#### Clifford's Federal Trial Is Postponed

WASHINGTON (AP) — A judge postponed Thursday the federal trial of former U.S. Defense Secretary Clark M. Clifford and his law partner in the Bank of Credit & Commerce International until after their New York state trial next year.

As a result of the decision, Mr. Clifford and Robert Altman will not face trial on federal fraud charges before next March. The federal case, originally scheduled for this fall, could even be dismissed. The broader or the state of the state

more serious charges against the two men in the New York trial include accepting \$40 million in bribes from BCCl, which has pleaded guilty to federal racketeering charges.

At the hearing, Judge Joyce Hens Green of U.S. District Court also said

she had decided to appoint a cardiologist to examine Mr. Clifford, 85, as he and the government had requested. Doctors have said that the stress of a trial could bring Mr. Clifford to suffer a possibly fatal heart attack.

#### Du Pont Cool on Conoco's Prospects

PHILADELPHIA (Combined Dispatches) — Du Pont Co. said Thursday it was unsure if its Conoco oil and gas unit could meet Wall Street analysts' expectations for 1992 earnings of about \$3.10 a share.

Bruce I. Beardwood, Du Pont's vice president of investor affairs, said that to achieve that result the petroleum industry would have to perform better in the second half than in the first. He said earnings performance also depended on a restructuring designed to trim \$1 billion in staff costs, and on an improvement in the U.S. economy.

(Reuters, Bloomberg)

#### National Semiconductor Posts Profit

SANTA CLARA, California (Bloomberg) - National Semiconductor Corp. said Thursday that net profit for the quarter ended Aug. 30 amounted to \$21.9 million, after a loss of \$168 million in the same period a year ago. It said a resurgent data communications market had contributed to the turnaround. Sales rose to \$472.2 million from \$411.0 million. Last year, National Semiconductor, the world's 11th-largest semiconductor maker, took a \$149.3 million first-quarter charge as part of a move to regain competitiveness. It has since had four straight profitable quarters.

The company said it changed its forecast because of the adverse effect of the recent fall in the dollar and after seeing its preliminary

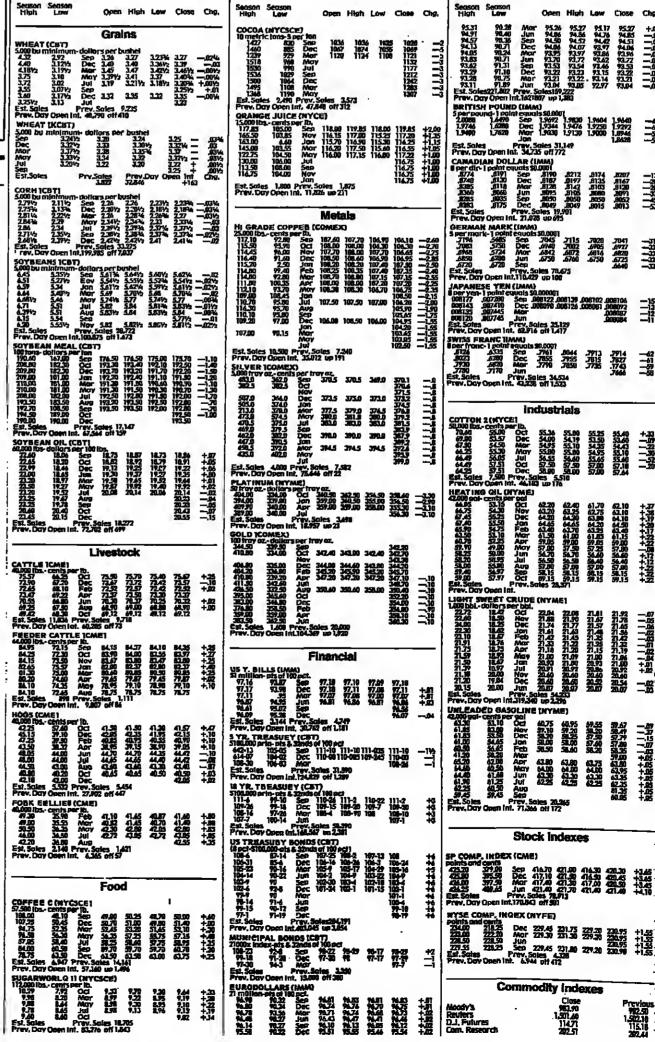
Rhöne-Poulenc stock plummeted 70 francs (\$14.62), or 11.7 percent, to 530 francs at the close on the Paris Bourse.

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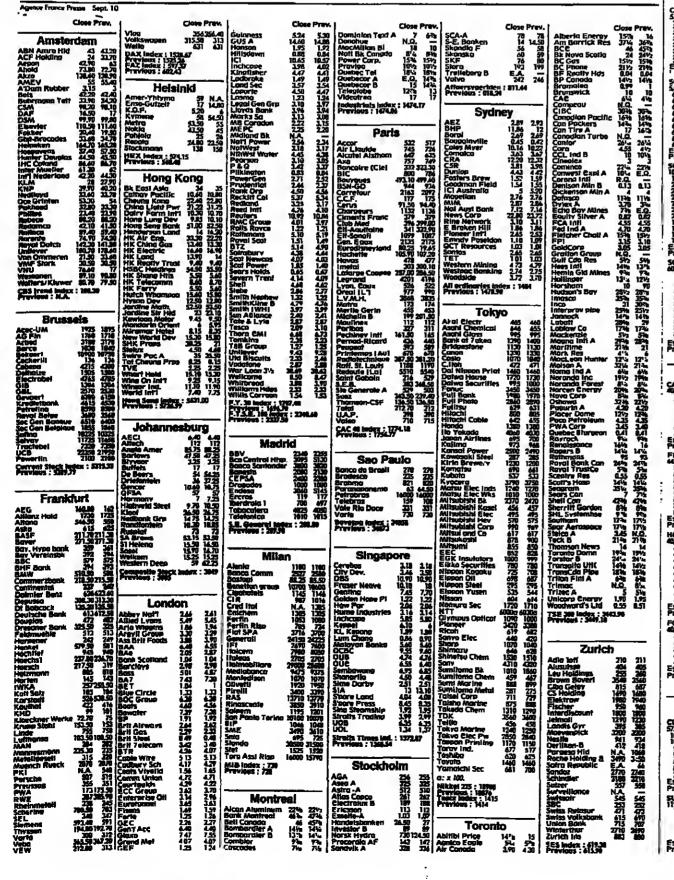
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#### **WORLD STOCK MARKETS**



# Gillette Sets Deal To Buy Parker Pen For £285 Million

Joel Davis, vice president of Gil-

The board of Parker Pen said the

terms of the Gillette offer were "fair

and reasonable" and in the best in-

terest of shareholders. Shareholders

accounting for more than 90 percent

of each class of Parker's stock

Parker's products, including

fountain and ballpoint pens and

mechanical pencils sold under the

Parker, Duofold, Vector and Jones

brands, are offered in 120 countries.

1888, Parker was acquired from Manpower Inc. by investors led by Schroder Ventures in 1986. It had

sales of £181 million and profit of

£35.9 million before taxes and inter-

est for the year that ended Feb. 28.

nanced through borrowings, should not affect its earnings in

Chairman Jacques Margry of

Parker Pen said: "The buyout of the business of the Parker Group

from Manpower Inc. in January

1986 was carried out with the back-

ing of a number of venture capital-

ists. It is now time to find a good

permanent bome for the Parker

The merger is subject to regula-tory approval in Britain, France,

Under the terms of the deal, Gil-

lette will offer £217.17 in cash for

each ordinary Parker Pen share held. All Parker shareholders also

will be entitled to a special pay-ment by way of a dividend repre-

senting the consolidated net profit

of Parker from Feb. 29, 1992, to the

last day of the month on which the

offer becomes unconditional.

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States, Gillette said.

Gillette had 1991 revenue of \$4.7 billion, while profit surged 32 per-cent to \$409 million. It said the acquisition, to be fi-

Founded in the United States in

lette's stationery division.

agreed to accept the offer.

BOSTON - Gillette Co., maker of Paper Mate, Flair and Waterman pens, said Thursday it had agreed to acquire Parker Pen Hold-

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For Gillette, a world leader in the razor market, the acquisition market, the acquisition market, the acquisition market, the acquisiting particularly for higher-cost writing

> They complement each other with different geographic strengths, price point positioning

#### France Seeks More Renault Ties to Volvo

PARIS - Industry Minister Dominique Strauss-Kahn said Thursday that the link between France's state-owned Renault and Sweden's Vnlvo AB should be extended but added there were no imminent plans to merge the two automakers.

"To obtain all the benefits of this link, they must go further," Mr. Strauss-Kahn said at a news briefing. "Clearly, the companies wish it."

He said the French government was still assessing the op-tions and noted that legislation would be required if the twn enmpanies sought to merge because Renault is state-controlled

"No legislative proposal is on any minister's desk," Mr. Strauss-Kahn said.

The two carmakers signed an agreement in 1990 that gave Renault a stake of 8,24 percent of Vnlvo AB and larger shares in Vnlvn's car and truck operations. Volvo owns 20 percent of Renault

# Waterford's Future? Not Crystal Clear

By James F. Clarity New York Times Service

WATERFORD, Ireland - The 38,000 people of this city on the River Suir are beginning to believe its future is shattered.

Worried about the prospects for Waterford Crystal, they fear that the good times of the crystal boom may be over for good and that the company itself, part of the Waterford

Wedgwood Corp., may disappear, with production shifted to Germany and elsewhere on the Continent.

But company executives, mostly Irishmen, do not think things are all that bad.

"We don't have a secret agenda to move
production out of Waterford," said Chairman E. Patrick Galvin. "That is not our intention, not our strategy. We want to produce classic Waterford crystal in Waterford

at a reasonable profit margin." To do this, Mr. Galvin has proposed the work force at the plant, which was 3,200 five years ago and is now 1,900, be reduced by 500 more this year, and that those remaining accept cuts of up to 30 percent in wages and

He said the company lost more than \$150 million in the last five years, including \$6

million in the first half of 1992. He wants 500 workers to volonteer for severance; if they do not, he said, there will be forced layoffs.

He said the company might not survive a walkout such as the 14-week stoppage in 1990. While the workers and their union have not formally threatened to go on strike, they say that if Waterford refuses to improve the severance plan there could be one.

The workers also are upset that the compa ny already has begun to produce crystal in Germany and Slovenia, and that in the coming years about 15 percent of the company's products will be made abroad.

The iob losses at Waterford Crystal contribute to a local unemployment rate of about 25 percent, five percentage points higher than the national average, which is one of the highest in Europe. The probability of even higher unemployment reflects the national picture. The government of Prime Minister Albert Reynolds has been looking to the European Community and private industry for money in ease the crisis.

"Waterford glass manufactured elsewhere would not be Waterlord glass," Mr. Reynolds said on a visit here in July. "I want to see Waterford Crystal remain here in Waterford."

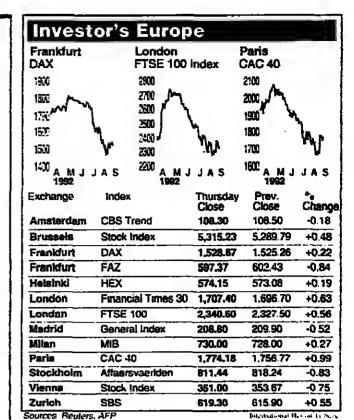
and company officials, Leaders of the Amalgamated Transport & General Workers Union blame mismanagement for much of the company's troubles. Waterford blames excessive wage and early retirement settlements made five years ago by a previous management team, and the drop in the value of the dollar. About 70 percent of Waterford's sales are in the United States.

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Also at issue is whether the crystal produced elsewhere is as good as that made here, and whether the new lines, such as the lowpriced Marquis stemware, deserves the Waerford name. A Marquis goblet costs \$29.50, about \$20 less than a classic Waterford.

The difference is that every line cut in the design of a Waterford glass is done by hand, by a worker at a diamond cutting wheel. The crystal produced abroad is shaped and cut by machines, then finished off by workers. John Stenson, a 40-year-old master cutter, held up a centerpiece bowl he was cutting. He pointed to a slight variation in a row of

When its made by hand, the points are not perfect," he said. "A machine will make perlect points. By hand, each piece is individual, with little differences."



# Danisco Buys Procordia Sugar Unit

In 1967, Gillette purchased STOCKHOLM - Procordia AB said Thursday it Braun AG, the German maker of agreed to sell its sugar company, Sockerbolaget AB, to Danisco A/S of Denmark for 2.4 billion Swedish small appliances. The takeover allowed Braun to expand its sales, taking advantage of Gillette's markronor (\$467 million).

Procordia said it would realize gains of more than 600 million kronor from the sale.

The deal, scheduled to take effect at year-end, is conditional upon regulatory approval, Procordia said. Mogens Granborg, director of Danisco, said the acquisition would make his company Europe's fourthlargest sugar-producing company.

Sockerbolaget had sales of 2.3 billion kronor in 1991 and produces 350,000 tons of sugar a year for the Swedish market, Procordia said.

Mr. Granborg said Sockerbolaget aimed to "ratio-nalize its activities by concentrating on fewer units." Danisco believes structural rationalization is necessary and is in line with modernization work being

carried out at its Danish and German factories, he said. Meanwhile. Procordia said it had reached a final preement to acquire of Swedish Match AB for 1.37 billion kronor from a consortium of international

The acquisition will take effect Monday. Procordia's United Brands division will take over Swedish Match's (Bloomberg, AFX, Reuters, AP) in Europe, Brazil and the Philippines.

investors led by Citicorp Venture Capital of Britain.

The takeover will increase the division's sales by more than 2 billion kronor, to slightly more than 10 billion. Procordia said. Procordia United Brands produces and markets tobacco and confectionery products in 11 En-ropean countries and in the United States.

A preliminary agreement between the two compames was reached in June.

The Swedish government is preparing to privatize Procordia, which has interests in food, pharmaceuticals and tobacco. (AFX, Reuters, AFP)

Hainia to Sell Insurance Units and Bank The chairman of Hafnia Holding 1992 A/S said the company planned to sell two insurance companies, Hafnia Liv and Hafnia Skade, as well as Hafnia Bank, Bloomberg Business News reported from Copenhagen.

The chairman, Hulger Lavesen, said Hafnia would seek the advice of an investment banking firm to investigate whether one of the major insurance groups operating in Denmark could improve the embattled urance and financial services group's position, either through a sale or a merger.

Hafnia Bank was formed earlier this month by the merger of the holding company's banking units, Hafnia Kapitalbank and Hafnia Eriverybank, Hafnia Holding 1992 was established last month after the prior holding company, Hafnia Holding A/S, halted payments to its 13 factories that make matches and disposable lighters creditors. The new holding company comprises its insurance and banking activies, but not debts.

#### France Shuffles SGS-Thomson

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches

PARIS - CEA-Industrie and France Télécom will take over state-owned Thomson SA's 50 percent stake in the uctor maker SGS-Thomson Microelectronics NV, the Ministry of Industry and Foreign Trade said Thursday.

The two new owners also are state owned. The ministry said a refinancing of SGS-Thomson would be proposed soon to ltaly, which owns the other half.

in December, talk of a possible reshuffle of France's SGS-Thomson stake prompted eritieism such a move would be little more than sleight-of-hand to plug burdensome losses and reflected the Socialist Party's attachment to state intervention.

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Bertelsmann Music Group Inc.

the New York-based international

ticular difficulty finding new talent

to boost its presence in the Ameri-

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(AFX, AFP)

#### Very briefly:

The Brussels commercial court rejected a plea by a group of mostly Belgian institutional investors to reopen a takeover bid by Accor SA of France for Internationale des Wagons-Lits et du Tourisme SA.

 Carbury Schwennes PLC posted pretax profit of £126 million (\$249.3) in the first half of 1992, up 13 percent from a year earlier.

· Glace Holdings PLC posted pretax profit of £1.43 billion in the year ending in June, up 11.7 percent from the previous year; the company said it benefited from the weak British pound.

• Werner Rey, former chief of the collapsed Owni Holding AG, surrendered his Swiss passport to Bahamas authorities following issuance of an international arrest warrant earlier this year, according to Swiss justice department officials quoted in Zurich newspapers.

(Reuters, Bloomberg, AFP, AFX

#### PREQUALIFICATION OF CONSULTANTS FOR TERMINAL 3,

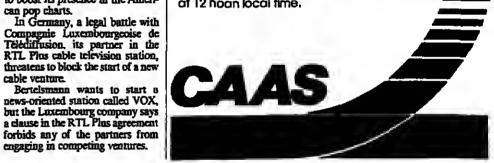
#### SINGAPORE CHANGI **AIRPORT**

The Civil Aviation Authority at Singapore intends to prequalify cansultants to propose a canceptual design of Terminal 3 at Singapore Changi Alrport. The objective is to achieve a flexible, user-friendly and cost-effective terminal that maximises airport capacity and optimises use at land.

Interested consultants are invited to apply far prequalification documents by writing ta:

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The closing date far submission af prequalification proposals is 4 December 1992.



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NYSE Highs-Lows

Bertelsmann Sees Little Growth in U.S. Units GUTERSLOH, Germany — year," Mr. Wössner said. "Next

Profit at Bertelsmann AG, the Ger- year, well, we'll just have to see." percent in the latest year, but the company said it saw little scope for significant growth in its key U.S. music and book businesses.

Chairman Mark Wössner said Wednesday night that net profit for the year ended June 30 was 570 million Deutsche marks (\$407 mil-lion), up from 540 million DM a year earlier. Sales rose 10 percent, to 15.95 billion DM sales 15 percent, to 3.92 billion DM, but Mr. Wössner indicated the unit's earnings did not follow this trend. The music unit had parto 15.95 billion DM.

For the current year, the chairman predicted growth in sales and earnings of just under 10 percent.
"Despite the apparent recession in America and England, our business should do well," he said. "We

are satisfied." cable venture. Trading in Bertelsmann profitnews-oriented station called VOX, sharing certificates, a type of share without voting rights, was suspend-ed in Frankfurt Thursday after the but the Luxembourg company says a clause in the RTL Plus agreement company said it would swap the forbids any of the partners from paper for new certificates with difpaper for new certificates with diferent conditions.

Mr. Wössner said Bertelsmann's group net profit had risen 57 percent since 1987 when the company sion. But he said there was still a lack of dynamism in the U.S. music and publishing businesses.

Bantam and Dell publishers are

#### **GERMANY:** Call for Rate Cuts

ants be reimbursed for the loss of their property but not be allowed to

(Continued from first finance page)

Mr. Kohl, who presented an upbeat outlook a day earlier, had little success Thursday in selling his party's plan for a "solidarity pact" of mutual sacrifice among unions companies and local governments.

Rudolf Dressler, deputy chief of the Social Democrats' parliamenta-ry faction, told members of the Bandestag that Mr. Kohl would have to make concessions or "figure out his own way to pull the chestnuts out of the fire."
So far Mr. Kohl has openly re-

"solidarity tax" on the well-to-do.
After defaulting once on a pledge
unt to raise taxes to finance German unity, Mr. Kohl is wary of further ahenating voters. In another sign of the govern-

ment's anxiety about waning voter support, a member of Mr. Kohl's ruling coalition said the Maastricht monetary union for the European Community would be sent to pariament for ratification in the first week in October, Reuters reported. The move was seen as a reaction to

calls for a referendum on the treaty.

The government fears that a referendum such as the one scheduled in France would run the risk of ecoming a vote of confidence on

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# IMF Warning on Threat From Deficits

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches
WASHINGTON — Mushrooming budget
deficits in the United States and other industri-

al nations pose a serious threat to the well-being of the global economy, the International Mone tary Fund warned on Thursday.

The IMF, which regularly reviews economic policy-making, urged officials to act decisively

to stem government red ink by raising taxes, cutting expenditures or a combination of both. In its annual report, the international lending agency said that virtually any step to deal with the growing problem was preferable to doing

The IMF is worried because it believes that the burgeoning budget deficits of industrial countries are absorbing the world's scarce resources, often for unproductive uses, and helping to keep global interest rates high worldwide.

At the same time, all of capitalism's economic powerhouses — the United States, Japan and Germany — are experiencing economic malaise

In the past, the IMF has been critical of the nountain of debt accumulated by the United

or outright recession

States, scolding Washington for being unable to curb its deficit growth.

But officials made clear that this was not a U.S. problem alone, citing deficit increases in Britain because of its recession as well as in Germany, where the country is attempting to absorb the costs associated with remification.

Germany, for its part, has been widely blamed for exacerbating the European recession and slashing the value of the dollar as a result of its policy of holding interest rates high. IMF officials agreed that the German posi-

tion was undermining economic growth in Eu-rope but said this did not necessarily mean German policy-makers should reconsider their

This does not mean, however, that the board would favor a relaxation of monetary policy in Germany, given the constraints Germany is facing," the official said.

At the same time, he said the IMF board was concerned about the weakness of the dollar." IMF officials were also awaiting legislative action that would increase the IMF's own resources by 50 percent, to about \$200 billion.

Officials said the lending agency was hopeful that enough of its member nations, including the United States, would approve the funding in the next few weeks, allowing the needed

increase in capital to be put in place. The deadline for obtaming those commit-ments has been set for Sept. 30 but could be

delayed, an official said.
So far, 117 countries representing 63.2 per cent of the voting rights have accepted the new formula, but 52 nations, including the United States and Italy, have refused.

In order to implement the increase, it must be approved by three-fifths of IMF members, representing 85 percent of the voting rights.

The IMF said that it has adequate funding for the time being to conduct its lending opera-tions but that its capital is being eroded and

could be reduced even more by the end of the In a review of its fiscal year that ended April 30, the IMF said its new loan commitments totaled \$12.9 billion, compared with \$8.3 bil-

lion the previous fiscal year. (Resters, AFP)

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# Japan Economy Marks Time

TOKYO - Japan's economy has not hit bottom yet as both consumer spending and corporate capital investment remain sluggish, a government report con-

The Finance Ministry report said consumers were still unwilling to spend money while companies continued to cut their equipment and capital investments. Production in the manufacturing sector was also slowing down and inventory adjustments continued,"

The report added that sales at large stores were softening, especially in big cities, and that clothing sales were weak. Among durable goods, sales of bome electric appliances and cars also were stagnant.

The Finance Ministry forecast that corporate profits were expected to decline during the six months through September but were likely to pick up in the next six months, helped by expected lower interest rates and the prospective economic uptrend.

Labor conditions have been easing somewhat, but

unemployment is still low, it said.
Still, officials at the Finance Ministry predicted the country's economic recovery may come earlier than has been expected, thanks to the market-boosting package the government announced last month. The officials, briefing reporters after meeting with regional representatives of the ministry, said the eco-nomic program had been been having a good effect on

corporate business sentiment. Many companies now expect economic recovery to start early next year, by the spring, the officials said. Prior to the announcement of the economic package, the Finance Ministry had not expected economic

The officials added that while the economy has yet to feel the full impact of the stimulus package, most companies have welcomed the initiative. They added that the package has helped ease fears of further falls in stock prices.

In another development, analysts said that Japan was set to draw up a \$24 billion supplementary budget in coming months to help finance the government's pump-priming economic package.

The supplementary budget for the fiscal year ending next March would be aimed at covering 1.96 trillion yen (\$16 billion) in government spending needed for public works projects, which are included in the 10.7 rillion yen package.

Interest payments on fiscal investment and loan programs, as well as wage increases for public servants, also would be financed by the extra budget,

The government may hold an extraordinary parliamentary session to map out the supplementary budget in late October or early November, when the Finance Ministry is expected to complete the supplementary budget bills, analysts said.

Finance Ministry officials have said the ministry would probably await the result of end-September corporate book closings before drawing up a draft budget. "We cannot project tax revenues in the current fiscal year until then," an official said.

Analysts say that renewed concerns over Japan's olitical scandals could delay passage of supplementary budget bills, but they played down the possibility that the delay would have a serious effect on the

(AFP. Reuters)

# CITIC Unit Sets Pace in Hong Kong

HONG KONG - China's main listed investment vehicle here, CITIC Pacific Ltd., reported a huge surge in profit Thursday, underlining its drive to challenge the suprem-acy of the local and British-

run business establishment.

CITIC Pacific, a unit of Beijing's China International Trust & Investment Corp., re-ported a profit of 439.5 million dollars (\$56.9 million) in the first six months of the year, up from 41.9 million dollars in the same period last year.

Chairman Larry Yung attributed the jump to the company's landmark purchase last year of a private trading concern, Hang Chong Investment Co., and contributions from its stakes in Cathay Pacific

and Dragonair. Sales climbed to 3.23 billion dollars from 61.33 million. (Reuters, Bloomberg)

## **Australia Slowly Crawls** From Depths of Decline

Bloomberg Business News SYDNEY — The Australian economy is slowly clawing its way out of the worst recession in 60 years, but data released Thursday helped explain why few hope for a

major turnaround this year.

The government said the August iobless rate remained at a nearrecord 10.9 percent and retail sales in July edged up just 0.6 percent. Private indicators pointed to weak consumer confidence and slumping savings rates.

Economists say the economy's biggest problem is the persiste of the slowdown in the rest of the industrialized world, which Australia depends on to buy its agricultural and mining commodities.

"We are a small country, and you don't grow by yourself Aisling Kinch, economist at Bain & Co. It will be early next year before the Australian economy shows real signs of recovery, she said.

Australia slid into recession in 1990 after the government raised interest rates to 18 percent to cool an overheated economy and reduce a

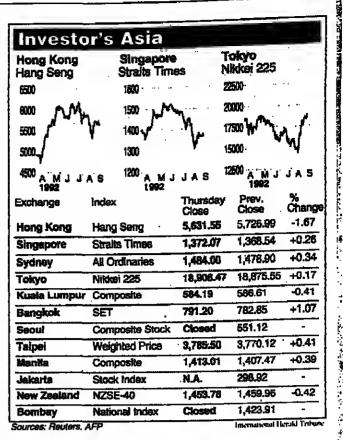
Since then, the key interest rate has been cut 13 times, to 5.75 percent. But borrowing demand has not revived and major banks, saddled with real estate-related losses, are reluctant to lend.

Australian consumers, battered by the recession and worried about the future, are holding onto their money, putting another check on

Westpac Bank's September index of consumer confidence found 77 percent of individuals polled last weekend said they expected the economy to get worse or stay un-changed over the next 12 months.

An ANZ Bank survey, also released Thursday, said the level of national savings in the quarter through June was dwindling at its fastest rate in 20 years and national consumption exceeded disposable income by the largest margin in two decades, 2.2 percent of gross domestic product.

The patchy recovery and a decline in the Australian dollar to four-year lows put the ruling Labor Party in a particularly difficult spot 22 billion Australian dollar (\$15.79 in the run-up to national elections billion) current-account deficit. early next year, analysts said.



#### Very briefly:

M Australian Airlines, the government-owned carrier due to be taken over by Qantas Airways, reported a 49.3 million dollar (\$35.4 million) loss in the year to June 30, after a profit of 66 million dollars last year.

Fletcher Challenge Ltd. said it would sell at least one-third of its subsidiary Natural Gas Corp. to Australian Gas Light Co.; another third would be offered to the public in a share float.

m BTR Nylex Ltd. of Australia increased net profit by 20 percent, to 183.8 million dollars, for the year to June 30; the bulk of the gain came from packaging, where profit rose 34.2 million dollars, to 158.5 million dollars. Goodman Fielder Wattie Ltd., the Australian food company, said net profit in the year ended June 30 fell 55 percent, to 49.5 million dollars.

China has arrested a bank official accused of selling stock application forms at exorbitant prices in Shenzhen, where riots broke out last month over distribution of the vonchers, the official China Daily reported. w Yantai, a coastal city in the Shandong Province of China, is being used

as a trial agricultural development zone for investors from Japan, South Korea and Taiwan; priority will be given to products for export, w Hysan Development Co., the Hong Kong real estate company, said net profit rose 27.2 percent, to 514.0 million dollars (\$66.5 million), in the first half that ended June 30, after 404.1 million dollars a year earlier.

« Yamatane Securities Co. is studying cutting the number of senior management staff by 40 percent, to 18, over the next three years; it also is considering cutting the number of employees by 30 percent, to 1,200. " Deutsche Bank opened a branch in Vietnam's capital of Hanoi.

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# ADB Sees Steady Capital for Asia

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispo

MANILA — Developing countries in the Asia-Pacific region will be able to tap adequate external financing despite a tight world market, the Asian Development Bank said Thursday.

Notwithstanding the global recession, domestic problems of major lenders and heightened demands from Central and Eastern Europe, the Asia-Pacific region will remain attractive to capital, the

The bank said resource inflows into the region fell sharply to \$12 billion in 1987 from \$24 billion in 1983 but rose steadily to \$32 billion in 1990. The fast-growing economies of China and Southeast Asia will attract the bulk of investment

in the region in the 1990s, while impoverished South Asia will be the main recipient of loans. The outstanding external debt of the region's developing countries was forecast to grow moderately at 6 percent, to \$403 billion, in 1992, and 5 percent, to \$422 billion, next year, ADB said.

South Asia will account for a third of the outstanding debt, which will increase significantly in India, Nepal and Sri Lanka in 1992 and 1993.

Hong Kong, South Korea, Singapore and Tai-wan will remain significant capital exporters in the region while attracting large amounts of foreign direct investment, the ADB said.

In Southeast Asia, Malaysia will reduce its reliance on foreign debt, but its neighbors are likely to increase their borrowings.

China's external debt will expand, but foreign direct investment and portfolio investment are expected to surge as a new phase of economic reforms attracts foreign funds.

A senior ADB official warned that the growing gap between rich and poor provinces in China could lead to widespread discontent, Eiichi Watanabe, director of the bank's programs department, said China's high economic growth rate would not solve the problem. (AFP, Bloomberg)

## **India Warns Banks to Obey Rules**

BOMBAY — India's central bank, attempting to tighten regulations in the wake of a major financial scandal, warned local and foreign banks Thursday that they faced "severe penal action" if they flouted its

Some of the rules apparently had been breached during & \$1.2 billion securities scandal uncovered last April in which brokers and bankers colluded to siphon money from government securities in order to artifi-cially boost the stock market.

S. Venkitaramanan, governor of the Reserve Bank of India, said the warning, issued in a circular distributed to commercial banks, merely repeated existing regulations. The bank also did not spell out what action it would take if there were further breaches. He said further that he did not think the scandal had inflicted any permanent damage to the banking system. But he said that the supervisory system for banks would be improved and the role of statutory auditors

Two small Indian banks said by prosecutors to have

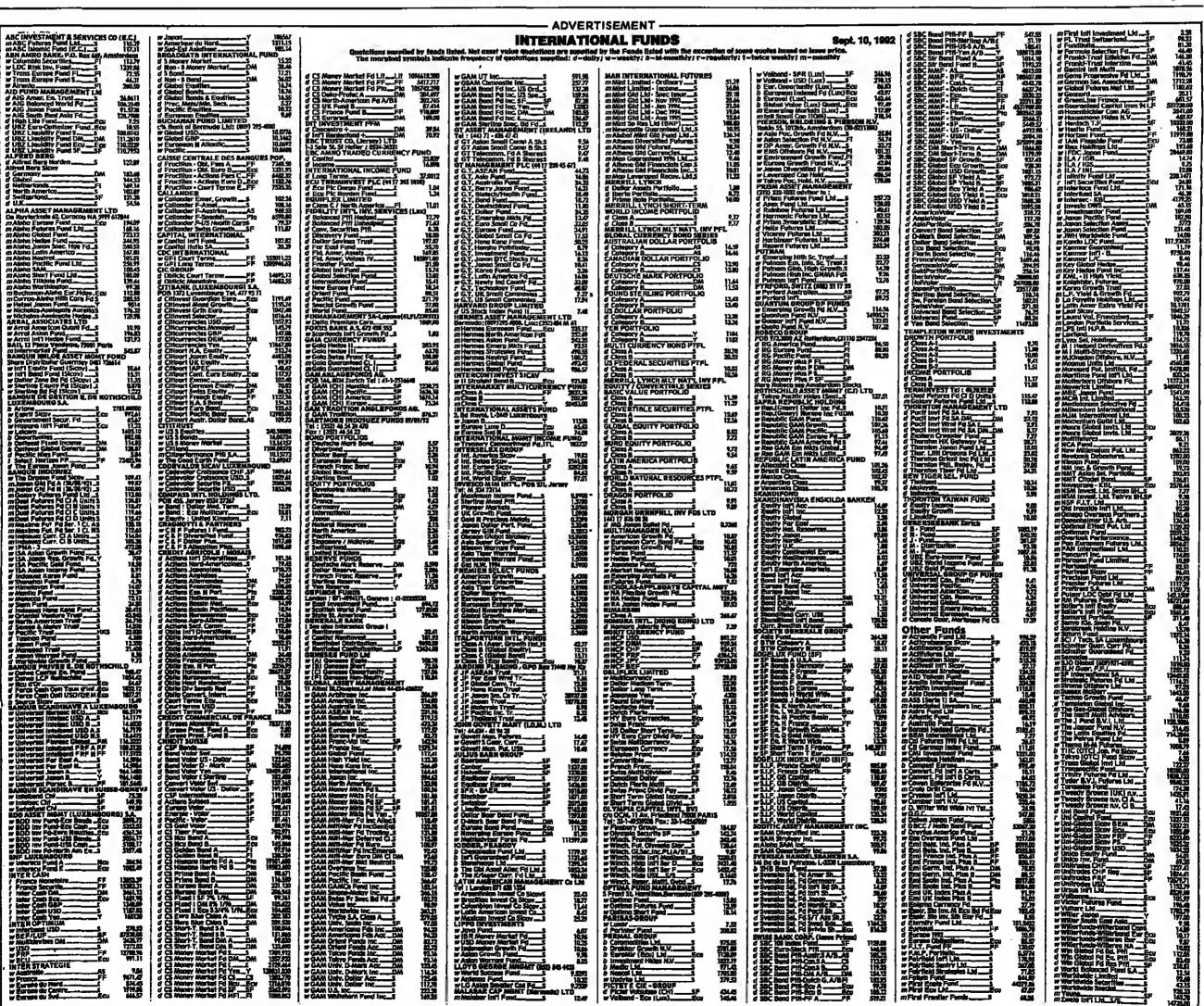
been used to siphon money have been closed down.
"It is remarkable that in spite of this scam and larities, people have not lost confidence in the banking system," Mr. Venkitaramanan said. "Bank deposits have improved, credit has increased and I think in the whole country, the banking system has come back to normalcy with remarkable speed."

While the circular did not name banks that had broken the rules, an earlier report had said that Bom-bay units of Citibank and Bank of America were among the banks that had committed irregularities in securities deals. Both have denied any wrongdoing.

Standard Chartered Bank was most affected among the foreign banks and has made provisions of £100 million (\$198 million) to cover possible losses.

At least 30 people have been arrested so far in connection with the scandal, including Harshad Mehta, a prominent broker who has said he was being unfairly singled out for prosecution.

Discovery of the scandal caused share prices to tumble, but the market has largely recovered since.



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# Rain Slows the Tournament After Courier-Agassi Storm

By Robin Finn New York Times Service

- NEW YORK - Rain slowed the U.S. Open on Thursday, giving it time to recover from a

stormy evening the night before.

It was well past midnight when the resident strongman, who later fell prey to a case of postmatch cramps, finally fended off this Grand Slam's unofficial Zen master.

In a match where clash was the password, Jim Courier, the world's No.1 player, climinated ninth-seeded Andre Agassi from the quarterfinals with a grim!y hewn 6-3, 6-7 (6-7), 6-1, 6-4 victory that kept the 22-year-old Floridian poised to win his first Open title and third Grand Slam of 1992.

"It's always a close match, and tonight was no exception." said Courier, who finally took control for good in the ninth game of the fourth set, where his blistering down-the-line back-band converted the eighth of the 29 total set points he held against Agassi's serve.

Then, with the aura of self-possession he had displayed for all the 3-hour, 47-minute slugfest, Courier spun out a trio of aces in the final game, the last of which took him to double match point. The match ended when Agassi cracked his next return far out of bounds.

"More power to him if he can serve like that." Agassi said of Courier's 22 aces and recovery from a 0-40 hole in the eighth game of the final set. "It just makes me want to raise my level. With Jim, you need to be able to rise to the occasion physically on every ball. I feel fine endurance-wise, but somewhere along the line he got stronger than me."

Maybe this wasn't a true-to-life Open final, and maybe the loser only put the victor through to the penultimate rung of this two-week wringer, where Pete Sampras is waiting, but the contest indeed smacked of a finale. Or a war without words or conventional weapons between the two players who own the titles to all three of the Grand Slams played so far in 1992 and bad never before squared off at this one.

Both looked unbeatable when they took to the Stadium Court. Out they came, walking the pigeon-toed, foot-dragging gait of athletes on parade on a spotlit tightrope, Courier in his white baseball cap, Agassi in his, and never the twain did meet.

"We do tend to contrast," said Courier.

· His concentration was impeccable, and it

Agassi's concentration did just what he had hoped it would not: It rocketed and phimmet-ed, and he was by turns brilliant and bewilderand shooting blanks on easy ones, as his 62 unforced errors attested.

He drew a code violation for flinging his racket after an overhead dud cost him his serve io the third game, oullifying the break he got against Courier in the second game. Still incensed, Agassi dropped his serve again in the fifth game and seemed in danger of putting himself in a froth.

But then Agassi, who does nothing in slow motion, tightened the reins on his vagrant emotions, broke Courier back in the eighth game and saved four break points to hold for 6-5 in the 11th game. When Courier held serve, they went to the tiebreaker.

Courier pounded out a 5-2 lead, again helped by some overly boisterous groundstrokes from Agassi, and he reached set point at 6-3 by forcing a backhand error. But then Agassi blasted out of his predicament. He saved three set points, gained one of his own when Courier's lob sailed wide and converted when Courier ran around his backhand to nail a forehand crosscourt, but nailed it with too much vehemence.

Agassi, despite his flashy duds and frosty ponytail, played wallflower in the third set, surfacing only to hold serve in the sixth game and avoid being shut out. But in the fourth set, he reminded Courier of his existence by breaking him with a brashly angled crosscourt back-hand for a 2-0 lead. And then, forever willing to flirt with the danger zone, Agassi slacked off and allowed Courier to break right back with a backhand pass and put the set back on serve.

He was, as he promised before the match, going to make things "interesting" or bust.



Andre Agassi, after an overhead dud cost him his serve in the third game of the loss to Jim Courier, took a shot at his racket.

# Tanking' and Tennis: Some New Reasons for an Old Problem

By Fred Stolle

(Stolle, who won the 1965 French championship and the 1966 U.S. championship, is a tennis commentator for ESPN. He wrote this for The New York Times.)

NEW YORK - "Tanking," as any tennis player will tell you, means giving up on a match. Throwing in the towel. Not trying. And everyone who has ever played on the teams tour has had days when he has gone into the tank.

Tanking has been going on for generations. won the opening set for him. First be broke

But the reasons for it are a little different now.

Agassi in the eighth game, gaining break point

In my day, the 1960s and early 70s, players with a blistering forehand to the corner and converting it when Agassi looped a topspin backhand wide. Serving for the set at 5-3, Courier started and finished the game with aces.

In my day, the 1908 and early 40s much as the players do today. We actually played more tournaments, about 40 weeks a year in all, but we supplemented our income with \$100 or \$200 exhibitions.

tions at sites close to the tournaments. Nowadays, players play 15 to 25 tournaments a year, but they make their big money ing, connecting on impossibly difficult shots with one-shot exhibitions that might be on the

other side of the world. A couple of years ago, for instance, Boris Becker won three events on three continents in three weeks. This kind of travel creates situations where guys just get too

tired to play well. Players get motivated for the major tourna-ments. I think the top players try to peak for the French Open, Wimbledon and the U.S. Open

even more now than we did in the '60s and '70s. What's different today is that even in the major tournaments you see instances where the motivation wanes. At Wimbledon or the U.S. Open, the prize money for first-round losers is so good that it causes a lack of motivation for players uncomfortable on grass or hard courts, and they won't try as hard.

If a guy can earn \$7,400 for losing a firstround match, as you can at this year's U.S. Open, or \$12,400 for losing the second round,

well, that's pretty good prize money for show-Also, I think the ATP Tour's ranking system

allows players to lose more matches and not have their ranking affected as negatively as it was a couple of years ago. While the ranking system has been very successful in getting top players to play more tournaments, it has been detrimental because it allows them to lose more matches without dropping as much. When the penalty for losing is not that great, it is going to

affect a guy's motivation. There's a psychological element to all this, too. If you lose to a guy whom you know (or think you know) you should beat, you can tell yourself that you really didn't lose that one.

But the thing about these mental tricks is that they are only a relief in your own mind. The other guy feels it's a victory for him, and he is going to take confidence from that match. And the next time he plays you, his desire is going to he keen to prove the result wasn't a fluke.

And there are times when throwing a set is a never know what might have happened. He perfectly legitimate strategic move and you might have had a tiger in his tank.

wouldn't even consider it tanking at all. If you are ahead two sets to love, or 2-1, in a best

How a gry chooses to play his cards this way depends on the situation, the tournament, the opponent and his belief in his ability and fit-

Jimmy Connors threw the fourth set at the French this year, to Michael Stich, because he had a back spasm. Comnors came back and tried to work through it for the first two or three

games in the fifth set. He didn't have anything left, but Stich almost fell for it. Had Stich fallen behind in the fifth, Jimmy's adrenaline might have got pumping and the crowd might have lifted him, and then you

days.
"We can say there's a 99 percent chance everything will be resolved," Cuervas said. three-of-five-set match and you go down two service breaks, you might let that set go. Especially if it's a really hot day and it would take so octwork that Maradona can't be the same playmuch extra concentration to pull even, you might think it's best to save your energy.

er he was some years ago.

"But he still can play at top levels," Bilardo said. "I hope he joins us soon."

■ Saunders Sold to Aston Villa Dean Saunders, Liverpool's most expensive player and its top goalscorer last season, was sold Thursday to English Premier League rival Aston Villa for \$4.5 million, Reuters reported from London.

The Welsh international scored 23 goals in his only seasoo with Liverpool after being bought from Derby 14 months ago in a then-British record \$5.7 million deal.

Maradona Seems

Headed to Seville

As Napoli Relents

The Associated Press

soccer team appeared to be relenting Thursday on their refusal to release Diego Maradona

from his contract and club sources indicated he would be sold to the Spanish club Seville.

Seville has reportedly bid about \$9 million to

get the Argentine, widely regarded as the best

soccer player of his generation.

Maradona has said he will not return to the

Italian league after serving a 15-month interna-

tional suspension for cocaine use. His contract

A club spokesman, Luigi Amati, said Napoli

But he acknowledged that "following the

FIFA, the world governing body of soccer, which has been strongly supporting Mara-dona's return to the field, has asked the Italian

would not comment on reports that it is negoti-

latest developments something has changed" in the team's stand oot to release its former cap-

federation's president, Antonio Matarrese, to mediate with Napoli and obtain Maradona's

li's president, Corrado Ferlaino, was no longer

opposing the player's release, under the condition that Maradona is not resold in the future to

A meeting between Ferlaino and Matarrese,

set for Thursday, did not take place. But Amati said that "Ferlaino has an office in Rome and

Seville's president, Luis Cuervas, told the Spanish television station TVE that Maradona would he signed by his club soon, within eight

Seville's coach, Carlos Bilardo, who led Mar-

adona and the Argentine team to victory in the

1986 World Cup, told an Italian television

can see Matarrese on short notice."

Matarrese said Wednesday night that Napo-

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ating Maradona's transfer to Seville.

NAPLES, Italy - Officials of the Napoli

Thursday's compromise agreement ended 10 days of negotiations after the teams' initial negotiations stalled at \$790,000 apart. \* hillit.

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#### SHOW BUSINESS

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Reviewed by Jonathan Yardley

O NE of the oddities of the interna-tional cinematic culture is that the popular films of India, beloved with extraordinary passion by scores of millions on the subcontinent, are almost entirely unknown in the United States, where the movies began. Americans may know the art films of the late Satyajit Ray and his disciples, but the highly formulaic escapist films that serve as opiates for the Indian masses are rarely screened except, per-haps, in communities populated by Asian refugees. By all accounts this is scarcely America's artistic loss, as these films are said to be dreadful; but the fact of their incredible popularity is interesting and, Shashi Tharoor would have us believe, instructive.

In "Show Business," his second novel. Tharoor wrestles with the larger meaning of the Hindi films ground out by the industry based in Bombay and known as "Bollywood." His conclusions are not flattering — he sees the film studios as dream factories that grind out "rich gid-poor boy famasies" that "fly in the face of every single class, caste and social consideration of the real India"—but he

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casts his indictment in affectionate and immensely entertaining terms. Eschewing the temptations of magical realism to which other Indian writers have succambed, he has written a witty, ironic itself - is seen from any number of revealing angles.

His central character is Ashok Banjara, the indolent, sensuous, self-regarding son of a prominent government official whose "irrevocable taste for greasepaint and footlights" leads him to a career in Hindi films. Almost overnight he becomes "undisputed Number One at the national box office, the man for whem the film press has just invented the term megastar, the hero who cams in a day what the president of India makes in a year." He is rich beyond imagination; pro-

ducers come to him "clutching synthetic briefcases that, when opened, turn out to contain bundles of incredibly crisp ootes of whose existence the Department of Revenue is blissfully unaware." He marries his lovely costar, Maya, creating a union that sets millions of hearts fluttering, but reserves his passion for Mehnaz Elahi, who is "always willing: on the set, with the dance director, and (why be coy about it?) in bed." He even consents to be seduced, in the book's funniest scene, by a ghastly creature named Radha Sabnis who writes a gossip column.

Eventually Ashok finds himself lured into politics. This is not surprising, considering that Tharoor himself has a strong interest in politics; he works for

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the United Nations, and his first book By Alan Truscott was a work of nonfiction, "Reasons of State," Ashok is elected to Parliament, but quickly finds that "I'm out of place in this world." In time he is sucked into a

der pressure.

compromising position and resigns tm-

At the end the meaning of his strange life and career hangs unresolved. On the one hand is the view that, as one actor puts it, "Films in India are truly the opiate of the people; by providing an outlet to their pent-up urges, the Bombsy films make them forget the injustice of the oppressive social order." That this is a view for which Tharoor has considerable sympathy is self-evident, yet he also is receptive to Ashok's own interpretation: "I have kept India awake by telling the nation it can dream with its eyes open. I have given each Indian the chance to reinvent his life, to thrill to the

able girl, to attain the most glorious victory, to glory in the sheer joy of living. I have brought dignity to innumerable lives . . . more, I have brought hope." Tharoor understands that the truth lies somewhere between, that the role of movies and all other forms of escape is as much mystery as reality. His splendid novel is about India and its illusions, but it

requires no great leap of the imagination to understand that his speculations are equally applicable to the United States and its own treasure house of fantasy.

Jonathan Yardley is on the staff of The

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adventurous chase, to chase the unattain-

## **BRIDGE**

F RANK STEWART of Fayette, Alabama, the author of sixteen bridge books in the past decade, has recently come out with two new books, "Two-Minute Bridge Tips" and "My Bridge

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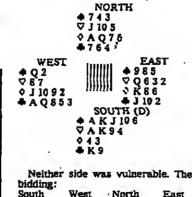
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tricks. South ruffed the third club. crossed to the diamond ace and led the heart jack for a finesse.

This won, and so did the ten which was led next.

Now South had the opportunity to take a trump linesse, but refused to do so. Instead be played the A-K of trumps. dropped the queen and made his game.

"I knew it couldn't be right to finesse in trumps," he boasted in the post-mox-tem. "The wily Odysseus would not have failed to cover the ten of hearts if he held the guarded queen of trumps. Beware of Greeks bearing entries to the dummy."



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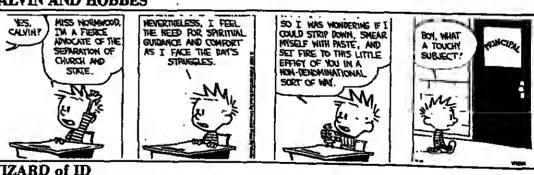
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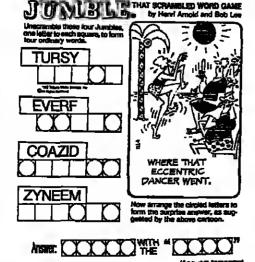




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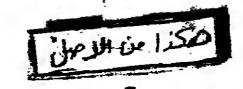
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# SPORTS BASEBALI

# At Home, Cone Tops The Royals

The Associated Press David Cone came home in style. A native of Kansas City, Misson-

n, who was dealt away in 1987. Cone pitched a five-hit shutout for 8½ immgs Wednesday night as To-ronto won, 1-0, against the team that still regrets trading him. Cone was relieved by Tom

#### AMERICAN LEAGUE

Henke with one out in the ninth after Wally Joyner singled and stole second. In his third start since the New York Mets traded him to the Blue Jays, Cone struck out five and walked three and improved his American League record to 2-1 with his first complete game for

Sending Cone to the Mets for sore-armed catcher Ed Hearn in 1987 has been cited as one of the worst moves in Royals' history, and the fans who gave Cone a standing

ovation seemed to agree.
"I really didn't know what to expect tonight," Cone said after getting a big hand when he left in the ninth. "It was nice to get that ovation and rice to get that

ovation and nice to pitch well."

The right-hander, in his third start since the Mets sent him to Toronto, struck out five and walked four.

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He got the only run he needed in the first inning. Candy Maldonado singled, and moved to second on Pat Borders's two-out walk. From there he scored on Alfredo Griffin's single when center fielder Brian McRae's throw home was up the

Blanked, 5-0, by Jimmy Key on Tuesday night, Kansas City suf-fered its first back-to-back shutouts since September 1989. The Royals' George Brett re-

mained 22 shy of his 3,000th career hit. Brett was hitless in four at-bats, and has 23 games left this season to reach the plateau.

Three Kansas City pitchers held Toronto to just five hits, including a two-out double in the fifth by Roberto Alomar, who stretched his hitting streak to 15 games. But the Bine Jays' eighth victory

in 10 games assured them of a winning season for the 10th straight year, and stretched their lead in the Eastern Division to 3½ games over

Gregg Jefferies, an ex-Met team-mate of Cone's, reached base four times with two singles and two

"It was exciting facing David," Jefferies said. "He had good stuff. got the best pitcher in the National

Yankees 5, Orioles 2: In Baltimore, Randy Velarde, Don Mattingly and Danny Tartabull homered as New York completed a

Velarde hit a three-run home run in the fourth and Mattingly and Tartabull hit successive bases-empty home runs in the eighth after the Orioles had closed to 3-2. It was Tartabull's third homer in two

Athletics 3, Angels 0: Dave Stewart held California to two hits over seven innings as visiting Oakland maintained its 41/2-game lead over Minnesota in the Western Divi-

Randy Ready drove in Oakland's first two runs with a pair of grounders that didn't leave the infield, and Mike Bordick got the third with another roller off lefthander Mark Langston, who went the distance.

Twins 6, Mariners 2: Terry Jorgensen doubled, singled, stole a base and scored twice as Minnesota won at home.

The Twins, who have taken seven of their last 10, stole a chubrecord six bases. Kirby Puckett, who was 2-for-3 with two runs batted in, stole two.

White Sox 6, Tigers 4: Tim Raines and Frank Thomas hit consecutive home runs with two out in the seventh to give Chicago a victory at home over Detroit.
With the score tied at 4, Bill

Gullickson retired the first two hitters in the seventh before surrendering Raines's fourth home run of the year and Thomas's 23d.

Rangers 3, Red Sox 2: Jose Canseco hit a three-run homer, his second in two days for home-standing Texas, and went 3-for-4 against Boston.

In the last two games, Canseco his six games since being traded from Oakland, Canseco is hitting .381 (8-for-21) with seven runs driven in. He is 4-for-9 with teammates in scoring position.



Robin Yount was mobbed by Milwaukee teammates after hitting his single.

Selig (Assist Reinsdorf):

Baseball Running Itself

New York Times Service

invite Selig into its group and bestow upon him the title of chairman for

the undetermined period required to name a new commissioner or a chief

And whatever Selig is called, his role remained purposefully muddled.

Owners would not use the C-word, seeming to reserve the right of the

owners and players? Can be discontinue court fights against the Cubs, who are seeking to overthrow Vincent's realignment of the National League?

It was curious but somehow befitting the times that Selig, 58, became chairman of a group to which he did not belong — he was only an ex-

officio member. It was also fitting in the larger scheme of things, for if

Reinsdorf was the brain and brawn behind the successful rout of Vincent,

The owner of the Milwankee Brewers, Selig was the game's most

powerful conduit of the message to owners that other owners were scared and hurting for a variety of reasons. And Selig's sense of where the blame should be placed obviously carried the day with 18 of the 28 who voted a

THE OWNERS arrayed against Vincent and those who remained with him until the bitter end praised the choice of Selig, And two Vincent allies, Eli Jacobs of the Baltimore Orioles and Haywood Sullivan

of the Boston Red Sox, seconded Selig's nomination, sending a signal

from what was left of Vincent's camp that peace was what was desired

now, something that Vincent said from his vantage point of retirement

was suitable at this point. "I love them, but they have to get on with their

lives for the good of the game," he said of his friends in ownership.

So it was that George W. Bush, the owner of the Texas Rangers, and

Sullivan, two of Vincent's most vocal supporters, praised Selig's selection.

and another Vincent supporter. "What it means for the office of the

the franchise moved to Atlanta in 1965. He led the movement to bring

baseball back to Milwankee, and in 1970 he was granted the rights to the

Seattle Pilots franchise by a bankruptcy court. The Brewers were born.

Wherever Selig takes the game, the consensus at the regularly sched-

uled but highly unusual owners' meeting was that he would work hard at

it. Selig is undoubtedly the worker bee of owners. He heads the Player

Relations Committee — important, since that negotiating arm of management must decide by Dec. 11 whether to reopen the labor contract,

even as Selig otherwise oversees decisions on whether to restructure the

For his ceaseless work, Selig deserved what he has gotten, in the most

ionership, central baseball and the way owners approach labor.

e." added John McN

"It's a temporary situation but a good choice, because Bud is very

Selig was the largest public stockholder in the Milwankee Braves before

executive officer or whatever title they prefer.

elig was the spiritual leader.

week ago to ask Vincent to resign.

appointing. That group, ordinarily

an advisory panel for a commis-sioner but charged with running the game in the absence of a com-

oner, voted unanimously to

# Yount 17th in Majors to Get 3,000 Hits

By Malcolm Moran
New York Times Service

MILWAUKEE — Engulfed by a sense of drama that exceeded his expectations, and embraced by the frenzied affection of his fans, Robin Yount of the Milwankee Brewers became the 17th player in major league history to reach 3,000 hits. His seventh-inning line-drive single off

Cleveland's Jose Mesa, over second baseman Carlos Baerga and into right-center field, began a celebration that stopped Wednesday night's game for nine minutes.

Yount, who is a week shy of 37, was quickly surrounded by his teammates at first base, slapping and grasping their hands. He became the third youngest, be-hind Ty Cobb and Hank Aaron, of the 17 players to reach 3,000 hits.

Yount's single, which tied him with Roberto Clemente in 16th place on the all-time hit list, made him the first to reach "The on-the-field stuff is great," he the milestone since Rod Carew in 1985 said, "I love that. The rest I could do to a World Series. They can almost do it and the second since Carl Yastrzemski got without." there 13 years ago this week.

It also puts him alongside Willie Mays as the only players with that many hits, plus career totals of more than 200 home runs, 200 stolen bases and 100 triples.

Yount began his 19th summer in Milwaukee needing 122 hits to reach 3,000. But barning 276 at the All-Star break, he finished July at a .192 average as a 1-for-

33 slump delayed his achievement.

Although his responses to the same questions had been polite as his summer progressed from city to city, Yount has not pretended to enjoy the daily scrutiny "The on-the-field stuff is great," he great player comes from leading his team

Tuesday night, be had acknowledged that the response from the stands created added — and welcome — adrenaline. "You have a chance of that hit meaning

enjoy competition. That's where the satisfaction comes from." That is also how Yount defines athletic greatness. His only World Series, a decade ago, ended with a seventh-game loss in St. Louis. Near the end of his 19th season with the Brewers, a World Series champi-

ething, versus just a number," he said.

allowing both runs in score. bat: He lined out to shortstop to end the game. That dropped the Brewers 5½ games behind first-place Toronto in the American League East. onship is the one remaining achievement that seems to have a real meaning to him.

"Most of the great players have all done that." Yount said. "The sign of a really

His Brewers lost Wednesday's game

when Cleveland struck for two runs in the

top of the ninth. With two out and runners

at the corners, Darren Holmes relieved

and, after a strikeout, Kenny Lofton

dropped a bunt to the left side of the plate

that Holmes fielded and threw past first,

single-handedly."

## One Flaw In Gem by **Schilling**

Curt Schilling won't be as quick to disagree with Darren Daulton's pitch selection in the future. Schilling shook off his catcher's first sign on a 3-2 pitch to Bobby Bonilla in the fifth inning Wednes-

day night, and Bouilla homered for the New York Mets' lone hit in the Phillies' 2-1 victory in Philadelphia.
"Daulton called for a slider, but shook him off and threw a fastball, and he put it in the bleachers,"

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said Shilling, who struck out eight and did not walk a batter in his eighth complete game. "It was the only time all night that I second-guessed myself."

Chico Walker was the only other batter to reach base against Schilling when he was awarded first on catcher's interference in the fourth. Schilling, acquired from Hous-ton in spring training, is 3-0 against the Mets this year. He threw only 95 pitches as he lowered his ERA to

"They were aggressive early," he said, "so I didn't throw a lot of pitches, and I think that belped me

"I knew I had to be tough, the way Sid Fernandez was pitching," Schilling added.

Fernandez, who had won his four previous starts, allowed five hits and one earned run. He struck out nine and walked two in his third complete game of the season. John Kruk drove in both of the Phillies' runs, with a fielder's choice

Pirates 13. Cubs 8: ln Pittsburgh Jeff King answered Ryne Sandberg's grand slam, which put Chicago ahead in the sixth, with one of his own in the bottom of the inning. Gary Varsho and Jay Bell also bomered for the Pirates, who in-

creased their lead in the National League East to five games over Montreal. The Pirates are 28-10 since July 30. Cardinals 10, Expos 3: Ray Lankford, Chuck Carr, Ozzie

Smith, Todd Ziele, Rod Brewer, Ozzic Canseco and Luis Alicca each got two hits in Montreal as St. Louis finished with 16 hits. Joe Magrane pitched 515 innings to win his first start in the majors in nearly

Braves 12. Reds 7: Tom Glavine became the league's first 20-game winner as Atlanta, playing at home, scored seven runs in the first against Cincinnati and, with its fifth consecutive victory, polstered its lead in the West to 812 games over the Reds, who have lost 10 of Atlanta sent 12 hitters to the

plate in the first inning, getting all seven runs off Tim Belcher (11-14). Lonnie Smith drove in three runs with his sixth homer. Jeff Blauser had a run-scoring double and RBI single, Sid Bream drove in a run with a single and Glavine also had an RBI single.

Bream hit his 10th homer in the

second, and Terry Pendleton hit his 21st in the fifth.

Bip Roberts drove in a careerhigh five runs for the Reds with a two-run double in the second and a three-run homer in the sixth.

Astros 6, Giants 4: Luis Gonzalez broke a tie with an RBI double

in the seventh as Houston won in Dodgers 4, Padres 1: Kevin

Gross threw a four-hitter in Los Angeles for his first victory in four starts since pitching a no-hitter last month. He struck out eight and walked three in his fourth complete game. He did not allow a hit after Fred McGriff's leadoff single in the fourth.



# Rally Worker Dies

PARIS - Bruno Saby of France, driving his Mitsubishi at speeds Thursday more akin to world championship rallying won his third stage in the 27-day Paris-Moscow-Beijing race and extended his overall lead to 14 minutes. Saby averaged 130 kph (80 mph) across the bot and dusty cilfields of Kazakhstan.

"It might look flat from the observation plane, but I can tell you when you hit the bumps at 200 kilometers per hour you take off," he said "And it's supposed to get worse from here on." In Paris, rally organizers announced that a French mechanic had died of injuries incurred

Officials said that Gilbert Richard, a Parisian in his 40s, had been flown back to Paris in a coma after the support truck in which he was traveling overturned on its way from Saratov to Uralsk in Kazakhstan.

Kenjiro Shinozuka of Japan finished second Thursday in a Mitsubishi, seven minutes be-hind Saby on the 382-kilometer run from Beyenen to Novy Uzen. That put him sixth overall. Pierre Lartigue of France, in a Citroën, was in second with Bjorn Waldegard of Sweden third in a Citroen, Herbert Auriol France fourth in a Citroen and Erwin Weber of Germany fifth in a Mitsubishi.

magnanimous sense of the term. He now has to hope that such a Shinozuka said the satellite navigation systemiment doesn't also have an abrupt down side. Selig has to know better tem "will be crucial from now on. The tracks than most that if baseball still plays one aspect of its sport in Hall of seem to go all over the place. It's difficult to pick the right one."

# Saby Pulls Ahead, Sanders to Play for NFL Falcons

ATLANTA - Two-sport star Deica Sanders reached an agreement Thursday with the Atlanta Falcons on a supplement to his 1992 contract and reported to the National Football League team's training camp.

Sanders is also an outfielder for major league

baseball's Atlanta Braves, who appear almost certain to be one of the teams in the National League playoffs that start Oct. 6

"It is my understanding that Deion will play

for the Falcons on Sundays but will be allowed

#### SIDELINES

Last Gathers Case Dismissed TORRANCE, California (AP) - A civil

lawsuit brought assenst two doctors by the family of Loyola Marymount basketball star Hank Gathers was dismissed after the plaintiffs failed to show up to testify Wednesday. Superior Court Judge J. Gary Hastings dis-

missed the case's final lawsuit at the request of the defendants. Gathers collapsed during a game March 4, 1990, and was pronounced dead of a heart disorder less than two hours later.

#### For the Record The Pakistani cricket team will tour India

next year for a series of test and one-day cricket matches, followed by a return tour by India to of public relations, "Some details are still being worked out." A decision on whether the cornerback will

son," said Charlie Taylor, the Falcons' director

play football this weekend against the Washington Redskins will be made by the Falcons' coach, Jerry Glanville, Taylor said.

Sanders shared the NFC lead with six interceptions last season and was a starter in the Pro Bowl. He is hitting 307 for the Braves this season with eight homers and 28 runs batted in. But he pulled a muscle in his right side while batting in an Aug. 31 game against the New York Mets and since has played only twice.

A one-year contract proposal, worth an estimated \$2 million, was made Wednesday to Sanders' attorney, Engene Parker.

His original contract, signed in 1989, was to pay Sanders \$750,000 this season.

Under the Wednesday's proposal, he would play in the Falcons' four games, take a two-week break to play in baseball's postseason with the Braves, and then return to the NFL. But he still would be fined for missing NFL

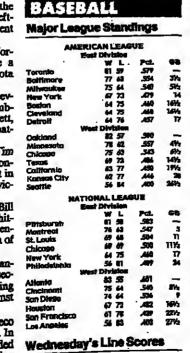
games. If the Braves advance to the World Scries, Sanders would miss the Oct. 11 game in Miami and the Oct. 18 game in San Francisco. An agreement would bring to a close nearly wo months of negotiations that started when

the Fakons offered Sanders a \$1 million bonus to report in training camp. He turned it down and said Aug. 27 that he intended in stay with Braves indefinitely.

(UPI, AP)

#### SCOREBOARD

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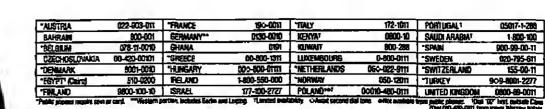
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#### **OBSERVER**

## Taken at the Ball Game

NEW YORK — The newspather's they'd been bought by the kind of people permitted to charge enterpressured the baseball commission-

I have been thoroughly soaked, of those who had seats with a view. paganda of baseball. When you say baseball to me, I think of church, and not just because the average Manhattan, but the price on every-baseball game nowadays lasts long-than a month of Sundays. It's start at \$2.75. After a quick calcula-Church can't be owned, can it?

flag and the Gettysburg Address. I silent prayer of gratitude to the wouldn't want to live in an America where the newspapers spoke of the "Fourth of July ownership" or "Gettysburg Address owners" as talism's sweaty paw.

I think of hot dogs and apple pie ball people were not above putting and the good old summertime a gun to the public head and makwhen I don't care if I never get back, and so on. I am talking real. true, genuine, authentic, whole-

I hope never to see the day when real, true, gennine, etcetera American goodness can be captured by a band of entrepreneurs so suspicious of each other that they need an American Goodness commissioner to keep them from doing something

terrible to that goodne Yet this apparently is what has happened to baseball. I had begun to suspect something like this was afoot after making a pilgrimage to the new temple of the Baltimore Orioles, known in Maryland as Ori-ole Park A1 Camden Yards Where Cal Ripken Jr. And Assorted Other

Ripkens Are On Display. As one who remembers that 50 cents bought a pretty good seat when "Pooch" Puccinelli, Art Graham, Murray Howell & Company played at old Oriole Park on 29th Street, I was startled at the \$12 price for a seal in the new shrine. Anybody who has ever watched a baseball game through a mail slot will know what this seat was like.

There were plenty of seats from which a lot of the game could be seen, but you apparently had to put big, big bucks in the plate to get one. Or so I guessed after noticing that most bore the names of corpora-

tainment costs off their income tax, er into resigning. I want to say, from which I guessed that, in addi-"Hold it right there, newspapers, tion to paying for my own seat, I how can baseball be owned?" was also contributing to the pleasure

baseball owners" that puzzle me. tion on the cost of enough hot dogs. peanots and soda pop to fill four When you say "baseball" to me, children, I was so grateful I hadn't I think of the Fourth of July, the brought even one that I offered a

The reverential mood became though it weren't repugnant to harder to support when someone have sacred matters resting in capi- told me that Oriole Park At Camden Yards was built at public ex-When you say "baseball" to me, pense. I knew, of course, that footing the taxpayers build them a nice place to make money in.

That's football. What else should some, crunchy American goodness. we expect of a business whose purpose is to amuse mass audiences with television spectacles in which huge men, unidentifiable except by large oumbers on their backs, knock each other down?

Football is business. Business is expected to extort subsidies from the public in return for helping fi-nance the election of statesmen who will stop public handouts to

Baseball, however, is church, the flag, the Gettysburg Address and hot dogs. Abstract, old-fashioned 25-cent hot dogs, if oot the \$2.75 variety. That's why these news sto-ries about baseball being owned are

so distressing. The owner, I gather, is CBS. It paid the teams a bankruptive sum for rights to televise games, then didn't do it after deciding that golf, tennis and bowling were lots more fun to watch, even though golf lasts

even longer than baseball.
The CBS gold was divvied up among the players, leaving not much for the middlemen who pass the millions from CBS to shortstops, relievers, pitchers and all. It's these middlemen who call themselves "owners." Blasphemy, oot baseball, is their game.

New York Times Service

# Ken Kesey, Minister of Misinformation

By David Streitfeld

Washington Post Service

DLEASANT HILL. Oregon — Folks
I hereabouts always know when Ken
Kesey is passing by. If he's not in his
multihued 1947 school bus, he's scooting
along in a souped-up '73 Cadillac Eldorado, the color of cream and his as a oneado, the color of cream and big as a onebedroom apartment. The fact that today Kesey is dressed like Uncle Sam's betterfed brother, right down to shoes embla-zoned with a U. S. flag design, only under-scores the point that this isn't your typical

Kesey had a magic act as a teenager; four decades later, he hasn't stopped per-forming. His first novel in 28 years, the hugely ambitious "Sailor Song," has just been published. It's provoking the most contradictory set of reviews in recent memory, but that's a mere sideshow. He's more interested in his plans for staging the children's tale that lies at the heart of the novel, and in the new bus - direct descendans of the Merry Pranksters vehicle that barnstormed the country in 1964 and became a cultural icon of sorts.

He's getting his various acts together and is taking them on the road, just like a presidential candidate. Kesey's message, though, is a little different. It's the same one running through his books: The little guy can get the better of the big, with a little luck.

At the moment, though, he's taking the Eldorado somewhere more mundane: the grocery store. Fields and farms roll by. In one, there's a horse that recently had an accident. She wasn't expected to survive, so Kesey is pleased to see that a full recovery has been made. It starts him off on a little riff about death and destruction.

"Little girls get horses from their daddies. They ride for a while, and then the horse stands out in a field for eight or 10 years when the girl goes off to college. It gets old, and no one knows what to do. Finally the parents call the county, and it

ends up in a dog food can."

Kesey has a better idea: Let nature have its way. One of his calves recently died of pneumonia, and be dragged it out to a distant corner of the farm. The oext day, a look through binoculars revealed that only a couple hunks of veal remained. Soon the whole thing had been gobbled up. The local predators do a better, cleaner job than the renderers for the county.

This gets him thinking about Ways to Exit. "Buddhists who immolate themselves," he muses, "eat nothing but fatty foods for six months. They say if you just hold a match to them, they il start burning. Of course, they levitate themselves off the ground, create the proper airflow."

That's Kesey-inspired, zany, a philoso-



Prankster Kesev: For his "Sailor Sone," very mixed reviews.

pher with mud on his shoes and illegal substances coursing through his system. There's nothing of the laid-back pothead about him. He'll go down fighting. No pyre for him, and oo dog food can either. He'll take his chances with the predators.

Specifically? That'll be the literary critics. The anti-drug crusaders. And most of all, Them - the conspiracy that Kesey says has been running the world since time

Is he serious? With Kesey, you're never quite sure. "I like to stir things up," be says. "I'm the Minister of Misinformation."

Long ago, Kesey came full circle. He grew up only a few miles from here, and there's zero chance be'll ever move away again. This is where he met his wife, Faye, in junior high. Children, parents and rela-tives live nearby; his son Jed is buried in the yard. And this is where every hippie in the United States knows to find him, in the converted barn with a big red star on it.

in the entrance hallway, there's a photo of Kesey sitting with a bunch of family and other folk. He's pointing, and everyone's following the direction of his finger.

What was happening? "Nothing," he says slyly. "I just like to get people to look." And to listen. On this day at least three Pranksters will be around, boon companions of the last three decades. One lives nearby, another is visiting for a couple of days, a third is staying for the summer. None of them is much on chatter. Fave is

wholly pleasant, but doesn't seem to speak

unless spoken to. Everyone makes way for Kesey, who dominates the conversation. As much as any writer, Kesey hent the 1960s to his will. In 1959 be enrolled in an experimental government program to test "psychomimetic" drugs, including the then-legal LSD, and discovered he liked them quite well. He wrote his first novel, "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest," while working as a psychiatric aide at the veterans hospital that was running the

periments, at night unapproved ones. "Cuckoo's Nest" appeared in 1962. The mental hospital setting was a stroke of genius, a metaphor that quickly was taken to beart by readers in those rebellious years: Society doesn't want to belp you, it only wants to control you.

operation. By day he did authorized ex-

Two years later came a second novel, "Sometimes a Great Notion."

Kesey became a hero to the nascent hippie movement. He was busted, busted again, faked suicide and fled to Mexico. He came back, was arrested, made some noises about how maybe drugs weren't the final answer, and officially dropped writ-ing. "I'd rather be a lightning rod than a seismograph," he said.

After serving his five months on a work farm, he went home to Oregon. The "70s were not years of high visibility. "Kesey's Garage Sale" (1973) was a coffee-table book of scraps and memorabilia. He wrote some fine essays, eventually collected in "Demon Box" (1986), and worked the farm. He started novels, and then abandanced them In 1984 his con Ind. doned them. In 1984, his son Jed, a wrestler like his father, was killed in a car accident on his way to a meet. Kesey, then working on "Sailor Song," abandoned it in despair. The '60s were very far away. "I felt so good about finishing this

book." Kesey says, referring to the 533-page "Sailor Song." "There's no high like accomplishment." an endorsement that probably means more coming from him than it would from many others.

"Really working on a piece," he says, "and having it come out the way you wanted, and having people accept it and praise it. It's wonderful. I may write a halfdozen more books."

Alas, he was saying this before the re-views came out. Some of them have been very favorable. But others seemed to be competing to see how many bad things they could say. Like this, from The Washington Post: "Writing that is so ill-at-ease on the page that it seems on the verge of converting itself into a bad television mini-series and then being canceled for lack of interest before we can put it down." Entertainment Weekly called it "an appallingly bad novel," and awarded it a grade of "F."

On the other hand, the Chicago Tribune called it "a high-risk performance whose virtuosity, energy and complex, mature vision may challenge, even ontrage, some who prefer cozy stereotypes to lough questions and hard sayings. "Agreed the San Francisco Chronicle: "A marvelous gift: a charm and dath and finable transfer of sharp and dark and finely tuned song of ourselves." Overall, the raves are running shead of the pans.

The plot shoots off in many directions although the basic story line is simple: It's the end of the world at the last frontier. just a few years from oow. A hotshot Hollywood director comes to the imaginary town of Kuinak, Alaska, to film a children's story titled "Shoola and the Sea Lion." This tale, Kesey's own creation, is reprinted in full in the middle of the covel. Wild adventures ensue.

#### PEOPLE

Rock 'n' Raunch Time At MTV Music Awards

Veterans Van Halen, Eric Clap-ton, Annie Lennox and Metallica and newcomers the Red Hot Chili Peopers were the big winners at the 1992 MTV Video Music Awards, a ceremony in Los Angeles that was dominated by provocative, bawdy routines. Van Halen's "Right Now" was oamed best video; Clap-ton's "Tears in Heaven" best male video; Lennox's "Why" best fe-male video, and Metallica's "Enter Sandman" best metal/hard rock video. Nirvam was named best new artist for their "Smells Like Teen Spirit" and U2's "Even Better Than The Real Thing" best group video.

President François Mitterrand and Culture Minister Jack Lang are not leaving a stone unturned in their effort to persuade the French to vote "yes" in the referendum Sept. 20 on the Maastricht treaty. They have gotten endorsements from 300 celebrities, including Catherine Deneuve, Gérard Depar-dien, Clint Eastwood, Elton John, Plácido Domingo, and Marguerite

Leona Helmsley's health seems to have improved dramatically. Her attorney, Robert H. Bork, says. "She's perfectly healthy." Helmsley is serving a four-year sentence for tax evasion. Four hours after being senteoced to prison in March, she was hospitalized with vipalpitations and chest pressure. 

Six novels have been cominated as finalists for Britain's Booker Prize. They are "Black Dogs" by the British author lan McEwan; "Serenity House," by the South African writer Christopher Hope; "The Butcher Boy," by Patrick McCabe of Ireland; "Sacred Humger" by the English novelist Barry Unsworth: "The English Patient." by the Sri Lankan-born Canadian Michael Ondaatie, and "Daughters Of The House," by Michele Rob-erts, a French-British writer.

The American University of Paris is celebrating its 30th anniversary at with a new president, Glenn W. Ferguson. The school, founded in 1962 as the American College, has about 1,000 students. Ferguson, a former U.S. ambassador to Kenya, has beaded several educational institutions in the United States,

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